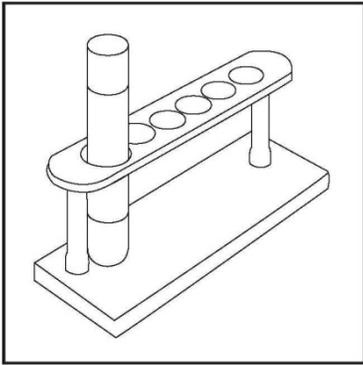
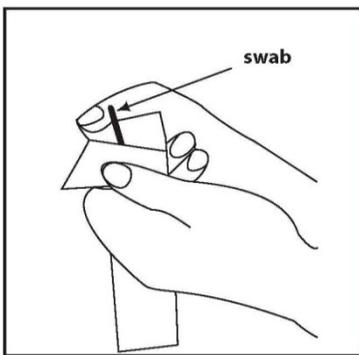


# Directions for Vaginal Swab Collection (for patients)



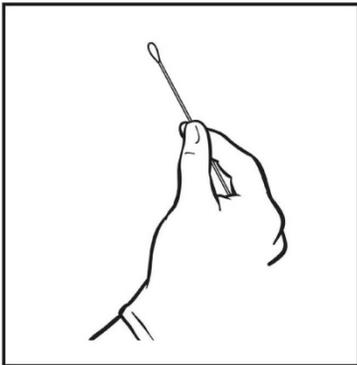
**Figure 1**

**1.** Remove cap from test tube without touching the inside of the cap or tube. Set cap silver-side down on clean paper towel. Set the open tube in test tube rack as shown in **Figure 1**. If cap is dropped, please notify clinic staff.



**Figure 2**

**2.** Partially open the swab package as shown in **Figure 2**. Remove the swab but do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down.

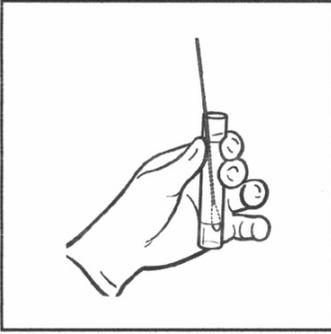


**Figure 3**

**3. IMPORTANT:** In order to prevent the swab from breaking off when inserted, hold the **THUMB AND FINGER OVER THE GRAY LINE** on the middle of the swab shaft as shown in **Figure 3**.

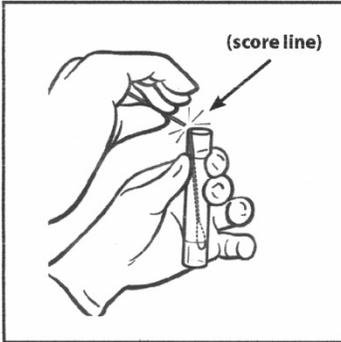


**4.** Insert the swab into your vagina about 2 inches and gently rotate the swab for 10-30 seconds as shown in **Figure 4**. (see page 2)



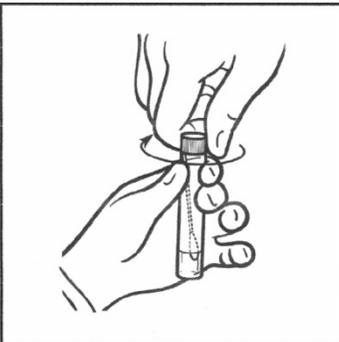
**Figure 5**

**5.** Withdraw the swab without touching the skin. Place the swab into the test tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below the tube label as shown in **Figure 5**.



**Figure 6**

**6.** Break the swab shaft against the side of the tube as shown in **Figure 6**. Be careful not to splash the contents of the tube. If tube is dropped, contents spilled, or if the swab flips out of the tube, please notify clinic staff.



**Figure 7**

**7.** Re-cap the tube tightly without touching the inside of the cap or the silver top as shown in **Figure 7**.