

# Collection of Vaginal Swab for Chlamydia / GC and / or Trichomoniasis

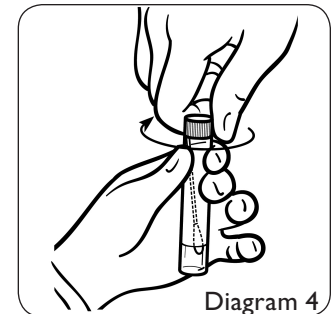
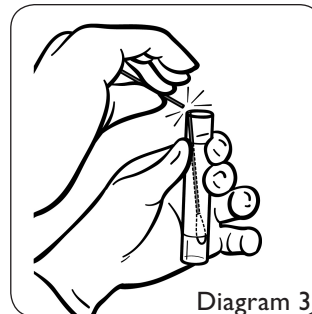
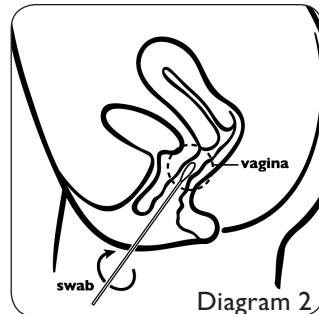
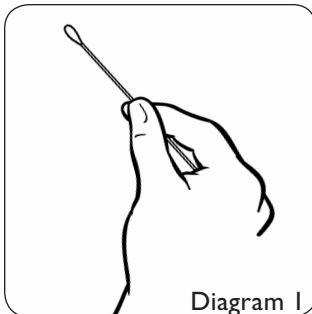


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Patient Information

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1. Wash and dry your hands thoroughly before collection.
  2. Partially peel open swab package. Do not touch soft tip or lay swab down. If soft tip is touched or swab is laid down, request a new collection kit.
  3. Remove swab.
  4. Hold swab as shown in Diagram 1, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft.
  5. Carefully insert swab into the inside opening of the vagina, about two inches (Diagram 2), and gently rotate swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by swab.
  6. Withdraw swab without touching skin.
  7. While holding swab in same hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. If tube contents are spilled, request a new collection kit.
  8. Immediately place swab into transport tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below tube label.
  9. Carefully break swab shaft at the score line against the side of the tube as shown in Diagram 3.
  10. Tightly screw cap onto tube as shown in Diagram 4. Label the container with your full legal name (first and last), date of birth, and CareCard number. Write the date and time of collection on the sample.
  11. For sanitary reasons, the container must be placed in a plastic bag.
- Deliver to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection. If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your care provider.**
- You must present your current health insurance (CareCard) and requisition to the laboratory.*



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