

Oregon Region Laboratory Services

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APTIMA® Unisex Male Urethral Swab Collection Guidelines

Kit Contents:

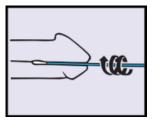


- Cleaning Swab (white shaft)
- Collection Swab (blue shaft)
- Specimen Transport Tube

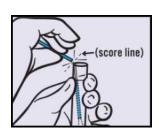
Patient Preparation:

 Instruct patient not to urinate for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection

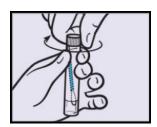
Specimen Collection:



- Insert the blue shafted swab 2-4 cm into the urethra
 - Gently rotate the swab clockwise 2-3 seconds to ensure adequate sampling
 - o Carefully remove the swab



- Place the blue shafted swab into the specimen transport tube
 - o Break the swab shaft at the scoreline
 - o Be careful not to splash contents



- Tighten the cap
 - o Be careful not to touch foil on top of cap
- Label transport tube with patient name and date of birth
- Transport sample to laboratory as soon as possible

Specimen Rejection:

