## **Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit**

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Clinician collection procedure guide\*

## For COVID testing with nasal swab specimens

In addition to the Aptima Multitest Swab, a nasal swab can be collected and placed in VTM, UTM, STM, saline or liquid Amies for COVID testing.



Partially open swab package and remove swab. Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down. If the soft tip is touched, laid down, or dropped, discard and get a new Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit. **Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of shaft covering black score line**. Do not hold shaft below score line.





Carefully insert the swab into the first nostril until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril). Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall and remove from nostril.



Using the same swab, carefully insert the swab into the second nostril until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril). Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall and remove from nostril.



While holding swab in hand, unscrew tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. If tube contents are spilled, discard and replace with a new Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.





Immediately place swab into transport tube so black score line is at top of tube. Align the score line with top edge of tube and carefully break shaft. Discard top portion of shaft.





Tightly screw cap onto tube. When collecting multiple specimens from the same patient, the tube label provides a specimen source field for unique identification for specimen location.

Specimens in the Aptima Multitest tube may be stored at 2°C to 30°C up to 6 days.

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