

## Low Vaginal Swab Collection – Self Collect Instructions

### Procedure

1. Open swab package. Without removing the tube from the package, take off the white cap. Discard the cap.
2. Remove the swab from the package. Do not touch the soft tip or lay swab down.
3. Carefully insert swab into the inside opening of the vagina, the length of your finger or about 5cm, 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.
4. Without touching the swab onto any surface, insert it firmly into the tube.
5. Remove the tube from the package and label with your full name, date of birth and date and time of collection.
6. Return labelled tube and form in the provided biohazard bag to the laboratory or to one of our collection centres.

