

Sexual health testing requires the best specimens

One collection device does not fit all tests



The accuracy of test results is dependent on the integrity of specimens.

Adequate patient preparation, specimen collection and specimen handling are essential prerequisites for accurate test results.

Modern lab technologies support a range of sample types, offering convenience for patients and clinicians. While many are suitable for testing, some may vary in accuracy, so choosing the right specimen helps ensure reliable results.

Specimen Collection Devices



Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit



Aptima® Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit



Aptima® Urine Collection Kit



ThinPrep® Pap Vial

Specimen selection based on test ordered

It is important to note several tests require unique sample collection devices that should not be combined into one device. Specimens should be collected using the manufacturer's kit in accordance with the kit's collection and handling instructions.

Acceptable Specimens for NuSwab® and Related Sexual Health Tests

Specimen Container		Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Aptima® Urine Collection Kit	Aptima® Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit		ThinPrep® Pap Vial
Specimen Source		Vaginal	Urine	Endocervical	Urethral	Cervical
Test Name	Test No.					
Vaginitis (VG), NuSwab®	180039	●				
Vaginitis Plus (VG+), NuSwab®	180021	●*				
<i>Chlamydia/Gonorrhea</i> , NAA	183194	●*	● ●	●*	●	●
<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> , NAA	188052	●	● ●	●	●	●
<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> , NAA, Swab	180076	●*		●*	●	
<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> , NAA, Urine	180025		● ●			
<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> , NAA, Swab With Reflex to Macrolide Resistance Testing	180092	●*		●*	●	
<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> , NAA, Urine With Reflex to Macrolide Resistance Testing	180084		● ●			
Genital <i>Mycoplasma</i> Profile, NAA, Swab	180089	●		●	●	
Genital <i>Mycoplasma</i> Profile, NAA, Urine	180040		● ●			
<i>Candida</i> Six-species Profile, NAA	180010	●				
<i>Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)</i> Types 1 and 2, NAA	188056	●†		●		●

● Acceptable for people assigned female at birth ● Acceptable for people assigned male at birth
 † Sample of lesions also acceptable * For *Chlamydia/Gonorrhea* test, Aptima® swab is optimal

Vaginitis (VG), NuSwab® includes:
 Bacterial vaginosis (*Atopobium vaginae*, BVAB-2, *Megasphaera-1*), *C albicans*, *C glabrata*, *Trichomonas*

Vaginitis Plus (VG+), NuSwab® includes:
 Bacterial vaginosis (*Atopobium vaginae*, BVAB-2, *Megasphaera-1*), *C albicans*, *C glabrata*, *Chlamydia*, *Gonorrhea*, *Trichomonas*

Genital *Mycoplasma* Profile, NAA, Swab includes:
Mycoplasma genitalium; *Mycoplasma hominis*; *Ureaplasma spp*

Genital *Mycoplasma* Profile, NAA, Urine includes:
Mycoplasma genitalium; *Mycoplasma hominis*; *Ureaplasma spp*

