

# LOWER VAGINAL SWAB

For NAAT testing for STI

**1.**



Find a comfortable position, either sitting or standing.

**2.**



Put the tip of the cotton swab stick about 2 cm (length of 1 finger joint) inside your vagina.

**3.**

Turn the swab stick around once.

**4.**

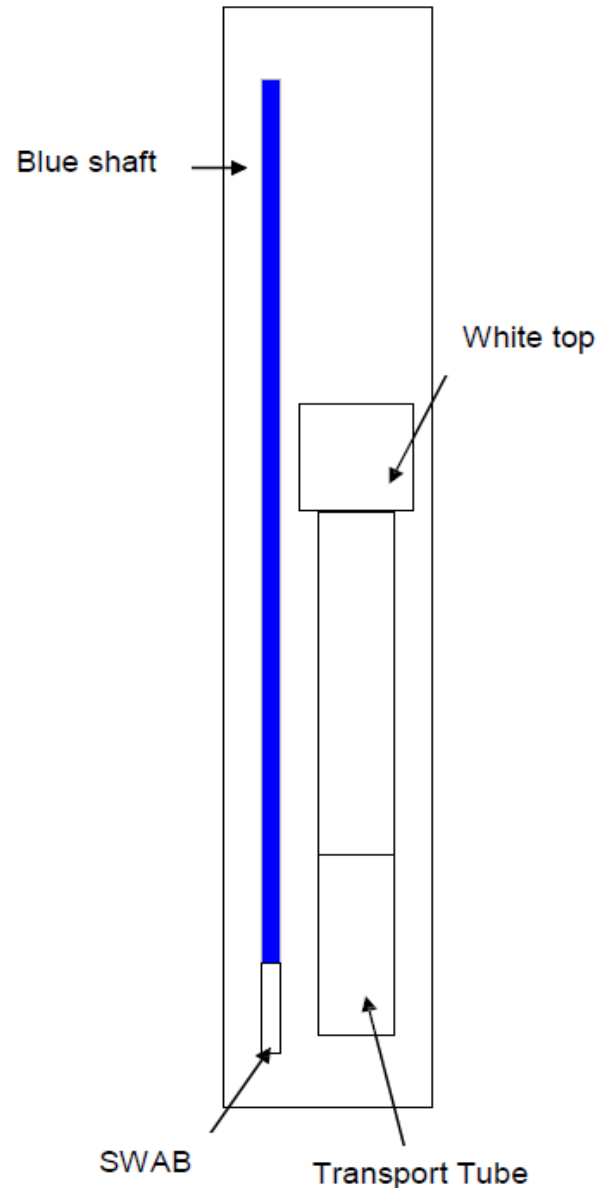
Leave the swab stick in for a count of 10.

**5.**

Remove the swab stick.

Follow the instructions above then .....

- Place the swab into the transport tube provided
- Snap off the shaft of the swab & screw on the transport tube lid firmly
- Label the tube with your full name, time & date, your date of birth
- Place the tube into the plastic specimen bag, with the pathology request form
- Deliver the sample to your nearest pathology collection centre within 6 hrs
- Store sample at room temperature prior to delivery to the collection centre



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