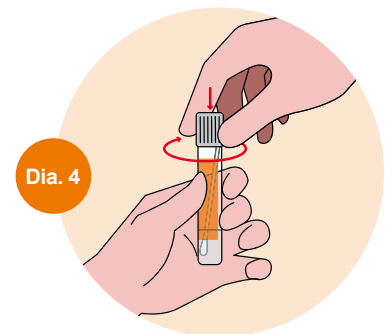
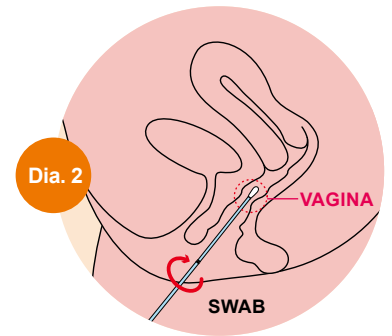
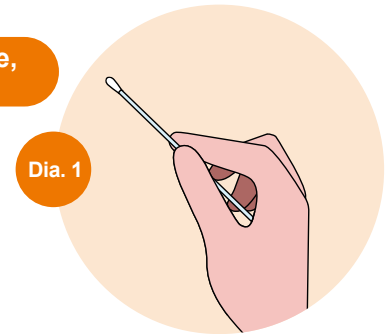


**Sample or self sampling collection Protocol for anal or pharyngeal samples or for vaginal self sampling for Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae and/or Mycoplasma Genitalium with the multitest swab collection kit in Aptima® medium**

**⚠ Wash hands before starting. If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your doctor, nurse, or care provider.**

- 1 Partially peel open swab package. Do not touch soft tip or lay swab down. If soft tip is touched, swab is laid down, or swab is dropped, request new Swab collection kit.
- 2 Remove the swab from the packaging.
- 3 Hold swab as shown in **diagram 1**, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft.
- 4 Carefully insert swab into the inside opening of the vagina, about two inches (**as shown in diagram 2**), 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.
- 5 Withdraw swab without touching skin.
- 6 Hold the swab while removing the cap from the tube. The swab must not be put down while the tube is being opened. Take care not to spill the contents of the tube. If this happens, ask for a new sampling kit.
- 7 Immediately place swab into transport tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below tube label.
- 8 Carefully break swab shaft as the score line against the side of the tube as shown in **diagram 3**.
- 9 Tightly screw cap onto tube as shown in **diagram 4**. Return tube as instructed by care provider.



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**For anal samples**

Carefully insert the swab into the rectum about 1-2 inches past the anal margin and gently rotate the swab for 5 to 10 seconds.

**For pharyngeal swabs**

Carefully insert the swab into your mouth, ensuring contact with bilateral tonsils and the back of the throat, then withdraw the swab without touching the inside of the cheeks or tongue.