

How to perform a male  
gonorrhoea / chlamydia  
urethral swab

step 1) collect an  
Aptima swab

# HOLOGIC Aptima®

Unisex Swab Specimen Collector  
for Endocervical and Male  
Swab Specimens

**KIT STORAGE REQUIREMENTS:**  
Store collection kit at room temperature  
(15°C to 30°C).

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION & HANDLING:**  
Refer to the Aptima assay package insert to identify  
the acceptable specimen types for each assay.  
Refer to the Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen  
Collection Kit package insert for specimen  
collection instructions.

1. Endocervical swab specimens:
  - a. Remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa using the cleaning swab (white shaft). Discard this Swab. Note: To remove excess mucus from the cervical os, a large-tipped cleaning swab (not provided) may be used.
  - b. Insert the specimen collection swab (blue shaft) into the endocervical canal.
  - c. Gently rotate the swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds in the endocervical canal to ensure adequate sampling.
  - d. Withdraw the swab carefully; avoid any contact with the vaginal mucosa.
  - e. Remove the cap from the swab specimen transport tube and immediately place the specimen collection swab into the transport tube.
  - f. Carefully break the swab shaft at the scoreline; use care to avoid splashing of contents.
  - g. Re-cap the specimen transport tube.

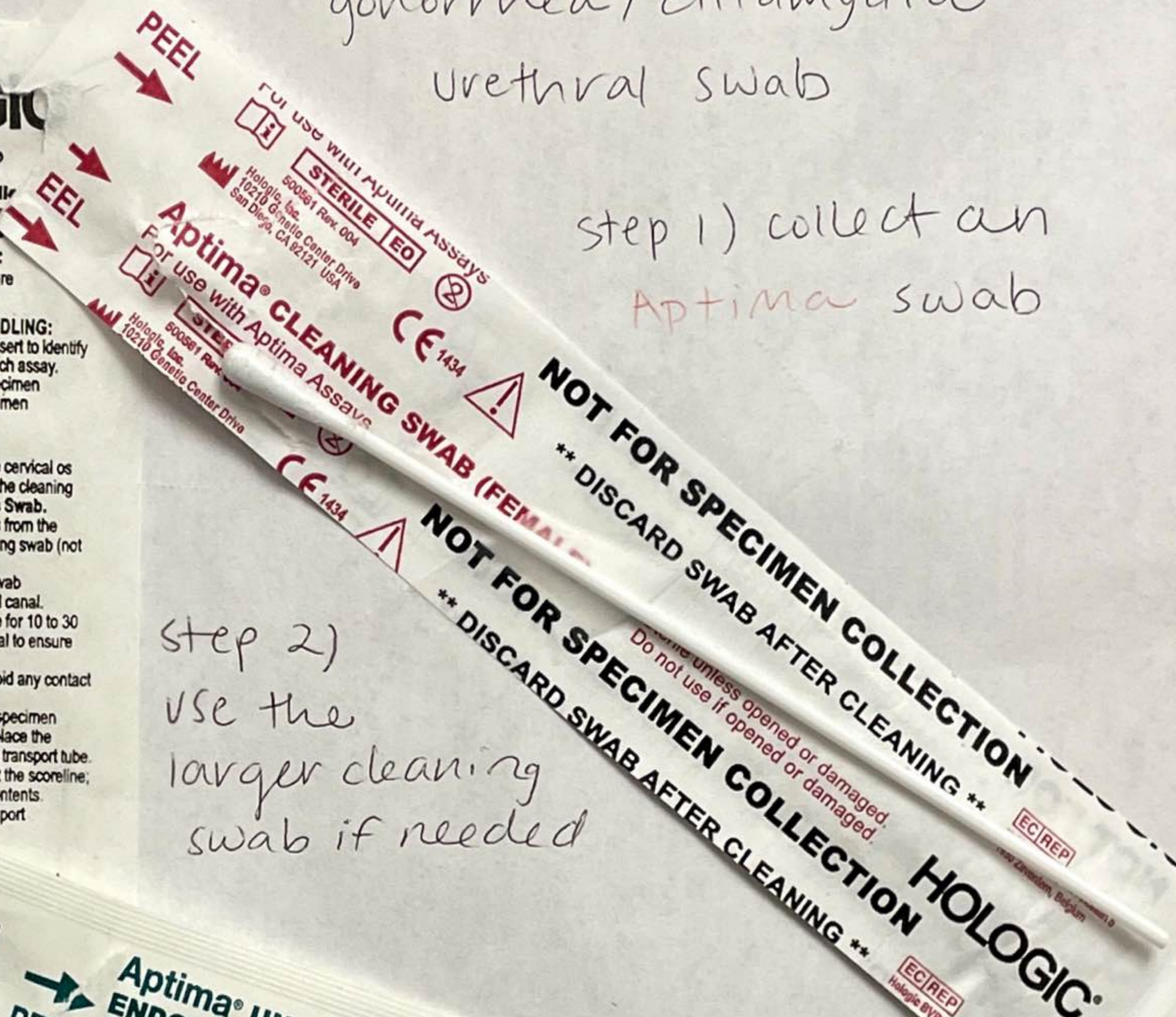
2. Male urethral swab specimens:
  - a. Thr...
  - b. Ir...
  - c.

**SPECIMEN TRANSPORT & STORAGE:**  
Refer to the appropriate Aptima assay package insert for proper specimen transport and storage conditions.

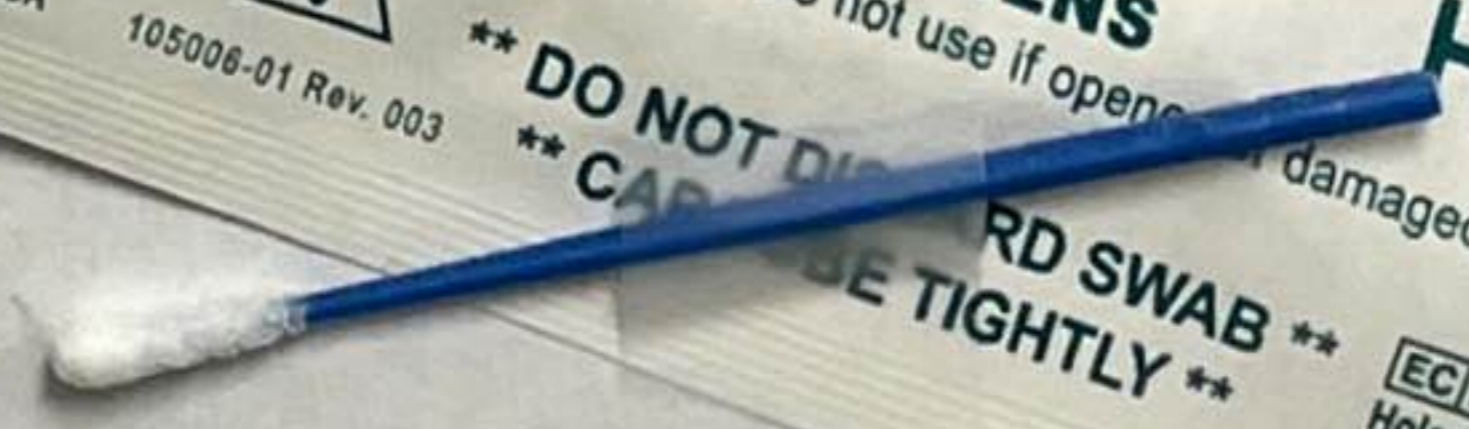
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step 2)  
use the  
larger cleaning  
swab if needed



step 3) insert smaller  
blue swab 2cm into urethra  
and turn clockwise  
2 seconds

step 4) insert  
into tube

