

# BD Affirm™ VPIII Collection and Transport

## BD Affirm™ VPIII Ambient Temperature Collection System

For collection of vaginal specimens for use in the BD Affirm VPIII Microbial Identification Test for *Candida*, *Gardnerella* and *Trichomonas*. See reverse side for transport procedures.

### VAGINAL SAMPLE COLLECTION

Sample collection is a critical step. Personnel collecting vaginal fluid specimens should be well trained to minimize the possibility of inadequate sample collection. **All samples must be collected using the materials (swabs and tubes) provided in the set.**

- 1 Place the patient in position for a pelvic examination. Insert a speculum into the vagina to permit visualization of the posterior vaginal fornix.
- 2 Using the sterile swab, obtain a sample from the posterior vaginal fornix. Twist or roll the swab against the vaginal wall two or three times, ensuring the entire circumference of the swab has touched the vaginal wall. Swab the lateral vaginal wall while removing the swab. (Figure 1)
- 3 **Immediately place the swab in the Sample Collection Tube (SCT).**
- 4 With the swab touching the **BOTTOM** of the collection tube, grasp the pre-scored handle of the swab just above the top of the tube and bend until the swab breaks (Figure 2). When the swab is fully inserted into the collection tube, the score mark on the swab is approximately 1 cm above the top of the collection tube. Discard the broken handle into an infectious waste container.
- 5 Place the cap over the exposed end of the swab and firmly press the cap onto the tube. The cap will “snap” onto the tube when it is properly seated.
- 6 Label the **Sample Collection Tube (SCT)** with the patient identification information. Include the date and time the sample was collected.
- 7 Place the capped **Sample Collection Tube (SCT)** into the plastic **Sample Transport Bag** for transport and testing with the **BD Affirm VPIII** Microbial Identification Test.

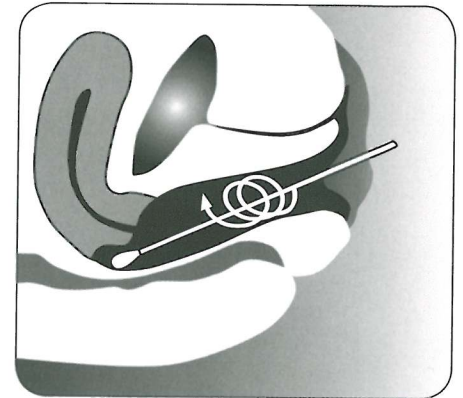


Figure 1

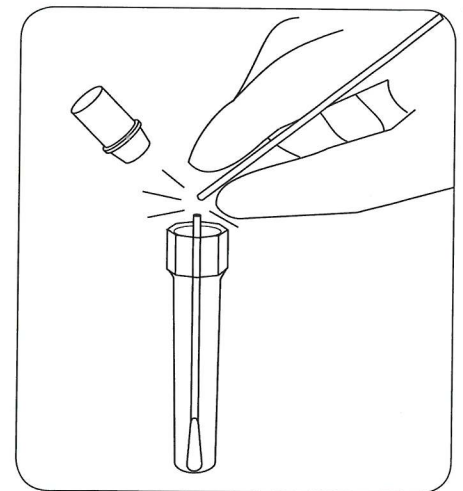


Figure 2



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