



## **AFFIRM TESTING SAMPLE COLLECTION**

Each plastic pouch in the Affirm VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System (ATTS) contains what is required to collect one vaginal specimen for use only with the Affirm VPIII Microbial Identification Test. Each Affirm VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System includes:

- Individually wrapped, pre-scored, sterile swab
- Sample Collection Tube
- Sample Collection Cap
- Ambient Temperature Transport Reagent Dropper (in foil pouch).
- Patient Specimen Labels.

### Procedure:

1. Open the seal on outer plastic pouch and remove all components.
2. Tear open the foil pouch and remove the ATTS Reagent Dropper.
3. Break ampule in ATTS Reagent Dropper by firmly squeezing vial with finger and thumb.
4. Dispense reagent from ATTS Reagent Dropper into Sample Collection Tube.
5. Peel wrapper to expose patient swab. Remove swab. Discard wrapper.
6. Collect patient specimen/take sample.
  - Insert an UNLUBRICATED speculum into the vagina to permit visualization of the posterior vaginal fornix.
  - 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.
7. Immediately place the patient swab in the Sample Collection Tube containing the ATTS Reagent.
8. Break swab shaft at pre-scored line just above the top of the tube. Discard remaining shaft into an infectious waste container.
9. Place the Sample Collection Cap over the exposed end of the swab and firmly press the cap onto the Sample Collection Tube. The cap will 'snap' onto the tube when it is properly seated.
10. Label the Sample Collection tube with patient/lab identification information. Include date and time that sample was taken.