Rapid Fetal Fibronectin (fFN)

Specimen Collection:

Collection from Symptomatic Women: The specimen should be obtained from the posterior fornix of the vagina during a sterile speculum examination. The Dacron swab provided in the Specimen Collection Kit should be inserted into the vagina and lightly rotated across the posterior fornix for approximately 10 seconds to absorb the cervicovaginal secretions.

Collection from Asymptomatic Women: The specimen can be obtained from either the posterior fornix of the vagina or the ectocervical region of the external cervical os during a sterile speculum examination. The Dacron swab provided in the Specimen Collection Kit should be inserted into the vagina and lightly rotated across the posterior fornix or around the ectocervical region of the external cervical os for approximately 10 seconds to absorb the cervicovaginal secretions.

Once the specimen is obtained, carefully remove the swab from the vagina or cervical os and place it into the tube of buffer provided with the Specimen Collection Kit.

Break the shaft (at the score) even with the top of the tube. Align the shaft with the hole inside the tube cap and push down tightly over the shaft, sealing the tube.

Properly label the Specimen Transport Tube.