**Specimen Required:** Collect: Vaginal or endocervical swab in APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection kit (ARUP supply #28907) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact Client Services at (800) 522-2787. Also acceptable: Cervical brush in ThinPrep Pap test collection kit. Refer to "Sample Collection for the Diagnosis of STD" under Specimen Handling at www.aruplab.com for specific specimen collection and transport instructions.

**Specimen Preparation:** Swab: place blue swab in Swab Specimen Transport Tube, break shaft off at scoreline then recap tube. ThinPrep: Vortex ThinPrep PreservCyt solution and transfer 1 mL to an APTIMA Specimen Transfer Tube (ARUP supply #42711) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connector contact Client Services at (800) 522-2787.

**Storage/Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated.

**Remarks:** Specimen source required.

**Unacceptable Conditions:** Large white swab included in APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection kit is for preparatory cleaning of the endocervix and is unacceptable for testing. Specimens in any transport media other than indicated above. Specimen in swab transport media without a swab. Specimens from patients that are less than 14 years of age.

**Stability (collection to initiation of testing):** Swab: Ambient: 2 months; Refrigerated: 2 months; Frozen: 1 year

**APTIMA Specimen Transfer Tube:** Ambient: 2 weeks; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: 1 year

**ThinPrep:** Ambient: 1 month; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: Unacceptable