

Self-Collect Samples for HPV Testing

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at
**Clinical
Labs**



Women and people with a cervix from 25 to 74 years of age are encouraged to have a Cervical Screening Test every five years to check for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). For Cervical Screening, patients have two options for HPV testing:

1. Clinician-Collected Samples

2. Self-Collected Samples

Self-collect HPV tests are available in-house and reported on at Clinical Labs for vaginal collection at home or within the medical clinic. Patients aged 25 to 74 are eligible for one bulk-billed HPV test every five years. Non-eligible tests will be privately billed.

Clinician-Collected versus Self-Collected samples for Cervical Screening tests:

	Clinician-collected cervical sample	Self-collected vaginal sample at home	Self-collected vaginal sample at clinic
Is co-testing possible?	Yes	No	No
Indicated for			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who are eligible and due or overdue for cervical screening, including during pregnancy Other points in the pathway where only a HPV test is required, including Test of Cure after HSIL treatment People who have had a total hysterectomy with history of HSIL 	Yes	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those undergoing surveillance after completely excised AIS 	Yes	No	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who have signs and symptoms suggestive of cervical cancer People who have postcoital or intermenstrual bleeding, post-menopausal bleeding, or unexplained persistent vaginal discharge People who were exposed to DES in utero 	Yes	No	No
STI Screening	Yes	No	Yes



Patients should return the self-collect swab to their medical practice or a Clinical Labs collection centre with priority. Clinicians must forward self-collect samples to Clinical Labs within 21 days of collection – this ensures the sample is valid for testing. The Collection Date must be noted on the swab label.

Items required for self-collect at home:

- Clinical Labs request form signed by doctor (ensure self-collect HPV test at home is noted).
- Copan FLOQSwab® for vaginal self-collection (552C) (Red Top dry swab) – available from Clinical Labs.
- Only Copan FLOQSwab 552C is validated for use.

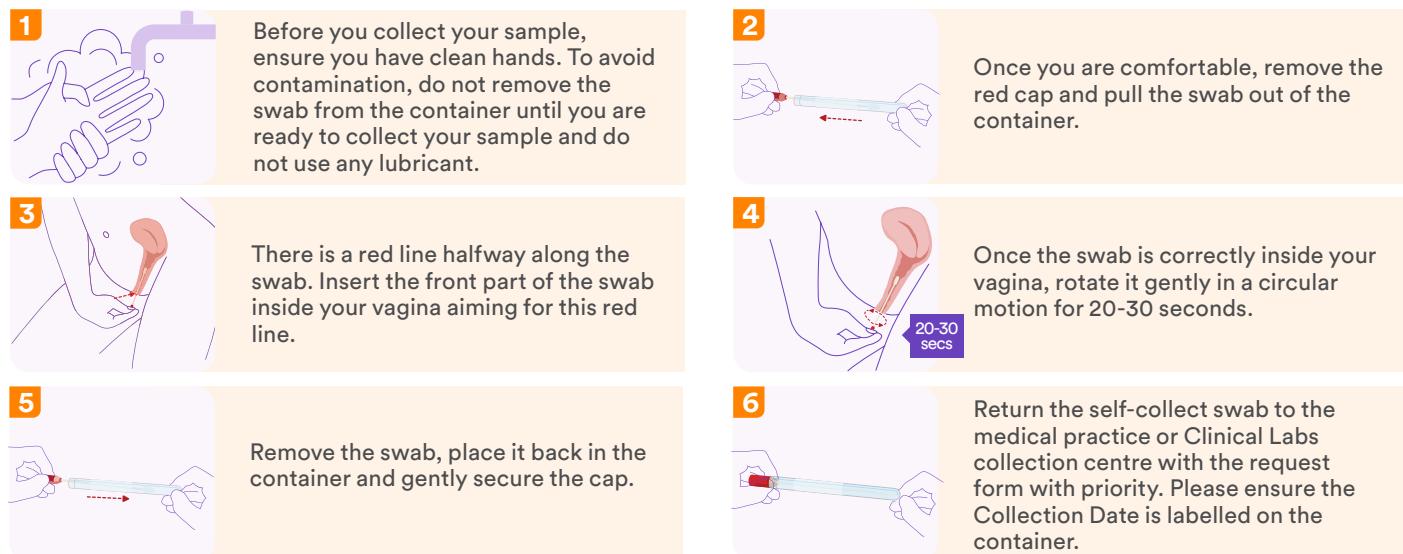


Items required for self-collect at clinic:

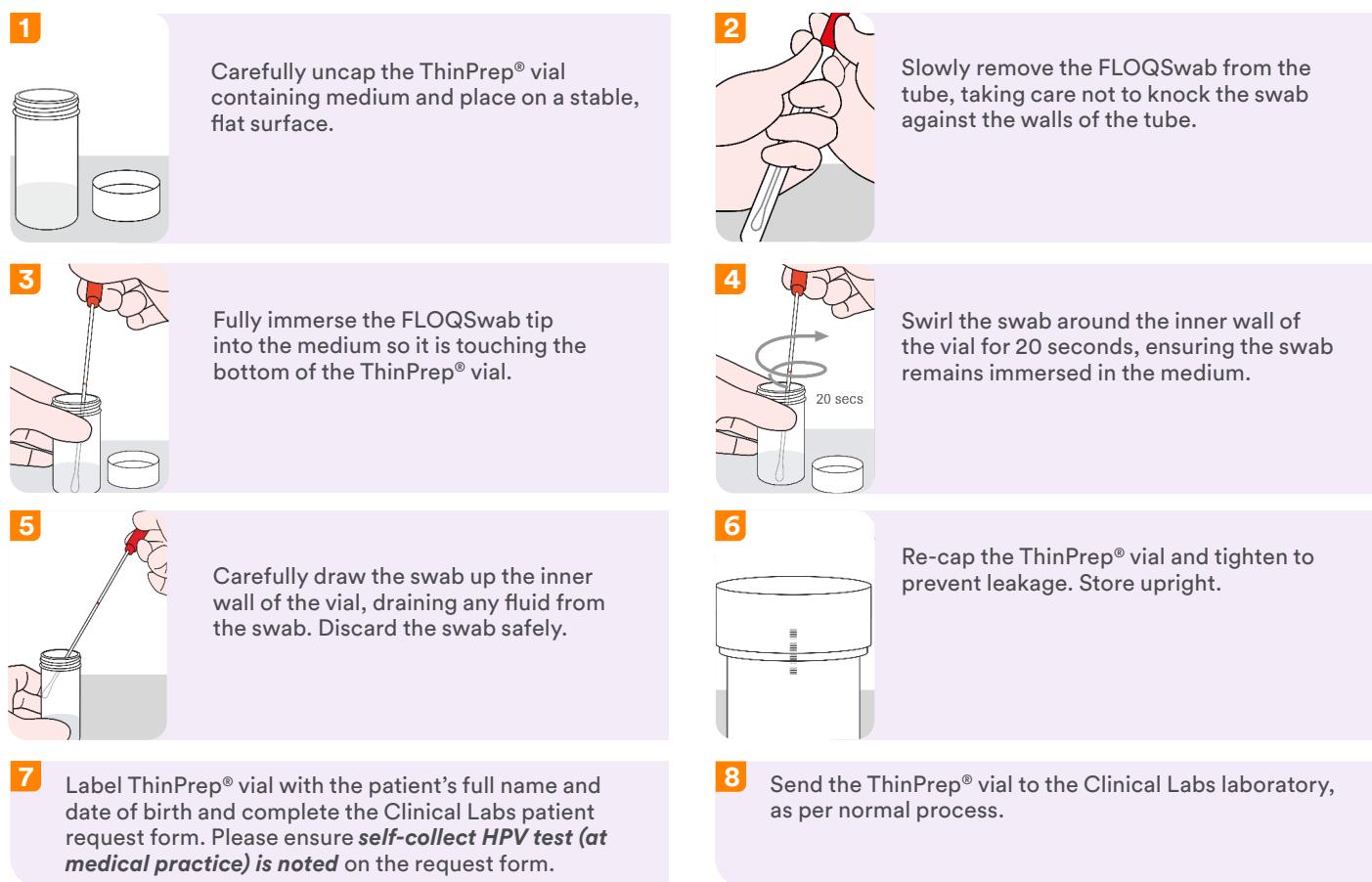
- Clinical Labs request form signed by doctor (ensure self-collect HPV test at clinic is noted).
- Copan FLOQSwab® for vaginal self-collection (552C.80) (Red Top dry swab) – available from Clinical Labs.
- ThinPrep® vial – available from Clinical Labs.
- Only Copan FLOQSwab 552C.80 is validated for use.



Steps for self-collecting at home:



Steps once the patient hands you the swab post-collection at medical practice:



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