RECTAL SWAB COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS – WASH HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER PROCEDURE

1. Place the collection tube in the rack. **Unscrew the cap and place it on a clean paper towel.**

Partially peel open the swab package as shown in Figure 1. Remove the swab.

2. Hold the swab as shown in Figure 2, placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the score line. **Do not touch the soft tip of the swab, lay the swab down, or drop the swab.** If you do, request a new collection kit from the lab.

3. Carefully insert the swab into your **rectum** about 1-2 inches (3-5 cm) past the anal margin (the outside of the anus) and **gently rotate the swab clockwise** for 5 to 10 seconds as shown in Diagram 3. **Withdraw the swab without touching your skin.**

4. Immediately place the swab into the **uncapped** transport tube so that the black score line is at the top of the tube as shown in Figure 4.

5. Carefully break the swab shaft at the black score line against the side of the tube as shown in Figure 5.

6. Immediately discard the top portion of the swab shaft in the trash as shown in Figure 6.

7. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube. Put the tube in the sample bag. **Place in the metal rotating bin in the bathroom wall.**