**ESwab Collection Instructions**

1. Open the *BD* ESwab sample collection kit and remove the tube and the swab applicator.
2. Collect the specimen from the patient.
   1. During specimen collection, hold applicator above the breakpoint indication line (the end away from the swab).
   2. **Do not touch** the applicator in the area below the breakpoint indication line, as this will contaminate the applicator shaft and collected specimen.
3. Aseptically unscrew and remove the cap from the tube.
4. Insert swab into the tube and bend the swab shaft at the breakpoint (indicated by the colored line marked on the shaft) against the tube, to break the shaft. Discard the broken handle part of the swab shaft, into an approved medical waste disposal container.
5. Replace cap on the tube and secure tightly.
6. Label tube with patient name, date and time of collection, and type of specimen.