

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF SPECIMENS FOR CHLAMYDIA ISOLATION

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Upon receipt of this test unit - place the refrigerant provided in a freezer until ready to ship specimens.

**Note: If the specimen container is received leaking, not properly labeled, not shipped with refrigerant, test requisition not completed or the specimen label does not match the test requisition, the specimen will not be tested.**

1. Complete a test requisition for **each** specimen submitted.
2. Collect specimen(s) appropriate for type of infection. Use only Dacron tipped swabs, not cotton or swabs with wooden shafts.
  - A. Ocular infection = conjunctival swab.
  - B. Pneumonia = nasopharyngeal swab, pleural fluid, lung biopsy, postmortem tissue.
  - C. Genital infections = Males - urethral swab  
Females - cervical (**not vaginal**) swab, urethral swab
3. Rotate swab in transport vial with medium. **EXPRESS LIQUID BY PRESSING SWAB AGAINST SIDE OF VIAL. REMOVE AND DISCARD SWAB.**
4. Tighten cap securely on vial.
5. Label vial with the same name/unique identifier assigned on the requisition. Record the name/unique identifier on the tube/requisition for your records. You will use it to link the specimen to the patient.
6. **Refrigerate - DO NOT FREEZE** – vial until ready to ship by the most rapid means to the laboratory. Ship to the laboratory as rapidly as possible. Specimen must arrive within forty-eight hours of collection.
7. When ready to ship, place vial, properly labeled with patient name/unique identifier, **wrapped in absorbent material provided**, into aluminum screw-capped can and secure cap.
8. Wrap **completed** test requisition around outside of aluminum screw-capped can.
9. Place aluminum can with **completed** test requisition into screw-capped cardboard container and secure cap with tape.
10. Place cardboard container into Styrofoam container, along with refrigerant provided. **Complete** and apply return shipping, Biological Substance label to corrugated shipping box and ship by the most rapid and convenient means available (e.g. courier, bus, U.S. Express mail etc.) to the Lansing laboratory.

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