

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF SPECIMENS FOR
AMPLIFIED, NON-CULTURE
N. gonorrhoeae & *C. trachomatis* TESTING**

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1. Collect the specimen (cervical and urethral specimens only) required for testing according to the instructions on the swab package.
2. Remove the cap from the swab specimen transport tube and immediately place the specimen collection swab into the transport tube. **Do not discard the preservative in the tube.**
3. Carefully break the swab shaft at the score-line; use care to avoid splashing of contents. Re-cap the swab specimen transport tube tightly. Dispose the swab shaft following your institutions policy for contaminated medical waste.
4. Label swab's tube with the same name/unique identifier used on the requisition.
5. Record the name/unique identifier on the swab's tube for your records. You will use it to link the specimen to the patient.
6. Package and send the specimens to the laboratory as soon as possible to decrease the potential for equivocal results.
7. Place up to five, properly labeled transport tubes, into the plastic bag with the adsorbent provided and seal the bag.
8. Place the sealed plastic bag containing the tube(s) and adsorbent material into the Styrofoam shipping container provided.
9. Wrap **completed** test requisition(s) around outside of Styrofoam container and slide the Styrofoam and test requisition(s) into the shipping sleeve.
10. **Complete** and apply return shipping/Biological Substance label provided to shipping sleeve and transport by the most rapid and convenient means available (e.g., a courier, bus, or U. S. First Class, Priority, or Express mail etc.) to the appropriate laboratory as indicated on the shipping label.

Note: If the specimen container is received leaking, not properly labeled, test requisition not completed or the specimen label does not match the test requisition, or the specimen is greater than sixty days old when received, it will not be tested.

NOTE: The shipper is responsible for being sure that their package is in compliance with the current shipping regulations.