

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF URINE SPECIMENS

FOR AMPLIFIED, NON-CULTURE TESTING FOR
N. gonorrhoeae & *C. trachomatis*
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The patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to specimen collection.

1. The patient should collect the first 20 - 30 mL of voided urine (the first part of the stream - **NOT MIDSTREAM**) into a clean, preservative-free container such as a paper or plastic disposable cup. Collection of larger volumes may reduce test sensitivity.
2. Wearing gloves immediately transfer two milliliters of urine using the disposable pipette provided, from the specimen collection cup to the plastic specimen transport tube provided. **Do not discard the preservative in the tube.** The correct volume of urine has been added when the fluid level is between the black lines on the urine specimen transport tube label. **When a specimen level is not between the two black lines, that specimen will not be tested.**
4. Dispose of the preservative-free container and pipette following your institutions policy for contaminated medical waste.
5. Package and send the specimens to the laboratory as soon as possible to decrease the potential for equivocal results.

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSPORT

- A. Screw cap on the specimen container as tightly and evenly as possible. Tape the cap on the specimen container to secure it in place.
- B. Label specimen container with the same name/unique identifier used on the test requisition.
- C. Record the name/unique identifier on the specimen container/requisition for your records. You will use it to link the specimen to the patient.
- D. Package and send the specimens to the laboratory as soon as possible to decrease the potential for equivocal results.
- E. Place up to five, properly labeled transport tubes, into the plastic bag with the adsorbent provided and seal the bag.
- F. Wrap **completed** test requisition(s) around outside of Styrofoam container and slide the Styrofoam and test requisition(s) into the shipping sleeve.
- G. **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 specimen is greater than thirty days old when received, the specimen will not be tested. When a specimen level is not between the two black lines, that specimen will not be tested. The shipper is responsible for being sure that their package is in compliance with the current shipping regulations.

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