

DETECTION OF GENITAL PATHOGENS

FOR DETECTION OF	TEST NAME & METHOD	BODY SITE	TRANSPORTATION MEDIA & TEMPERATURE	APPROX TAT
Gonorrhea (GC)	Gonorrhea(GC) culture (report will only reflect presence of absence of N. gonorrhoeae) (culture is the method required for medical legal purposes)	Any Body site	Gel Swabs (Starplex) Hold at room temperature. (Non Gel Swabs are <i>not acceptable</i>).	72 Hours
Gonorrhea (GC)	Gonorrhea (GC) Gen- Probe (DNA Assay).Follow Gen-Probe specimen collection instructions carefully	May be used for endocervical or male urethral only. (cannot be used for rectal)	Male & female Gen- Probe collection kits. Follow instructions printed on kits. Hold at room temperature up to 5 days.	2 Days Monday- Friday
Gonorrhea (GC)	Gonorrhea (GC) amplified assay (Nucleic acid amplification)	Gonorrhea (GC) amplified assay (Nucleic acid amplification) (cannot be used on other sites)	Unisex Aptima Collection kit. Hold at room temperature up to 4 days. 20 ml unpreserved urine. Hold refrigerated up to 4 days	4 - 6 Days
Gonorrhea (GC) & Chlamydia	STD Profile (DNA Assay) Gen-Probe (for both)	May be used for endocervical or male urethral only. (cannot be used for rectal)	Male & female Gen- Probe collection kits. Follow instructions printed on kits. Hold at room temperature up to 5 days.	2 Days Monday - Friday
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Chlamydia	Chlamydia Gen Probe (DNA Assay)	May be used for endocervical, male urethral, conjunctival (proper collection is vital for endocervical specimens) (cannot be used for rectal)	Male & female Gen-Probe collection kits. For proper collection, follow the instructions as specified by Gen-Probe. Hold at room temperature up to 4 days.	2 Days Monday - Friday
Chlamydia	Chlamydia Culture (culture is the method required for medical legal purposes).	Any appropriate body site where Chlamydia trachomatis can be isolated from: cervix, endocervix, eye, nasopharynx, rectum, or urethra. (Vaginal specimen, urine, or drainage are unacceptable).	M4 transport media. Hold refrigerated after collection up to 24 hours.	7- 9 Days
Ureaplasma	Ureaplasma Culture	Genital Sites or Urine	Genital swab in M4 transport media. Store refrigerated up to 3 days. Urine in sterile container refrigerated up to 24 hours	7 - 9 Days
Mycoplasma	Mycoplasma Culture	Genital Sites or Urine	Genital swab in M4 transport media. Store refrigerated up to 3 days. Urine in sterile container refrigerated up to 24 hours	7 - 9 Days
Group B Strep	Group B Strep Screen / Culture	Vaginal and /or Rectal	Gel Starplex Starswab or Non Gel Culturette (store at room temperature)	48 Hours
Genital	Routine Culture Includes screen for Gonorrhea	Genital site (e.g., vaginal, cervical)	Gel (Starplex) Starswab (Non Gel Swabs are not recommended)	72 Hours
Herpes	Herpes Culture	Any appropriate body site.	M4 transport media. Store refrigerated after collection for up to 48 hours.	72 Hours