

## **GC AND CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS PROBE COLLECTION**

*Specimen Collection for Neisseria gonorrhoeae and/or Chlamydia trachomatis*

- Specimens:** Female endocervical **blue-shafted** swab  
Male urethral **blue-shafted** swab  
Female and male urine
- Container:** Gen-Probe Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit  
Gen-Probe Aptima Combo 2 Assay Urine Collection Kit
- Unacceptable:** White shaft swab, no swab, or two swabs in swab transport tube  
Swab not from Unisex swab collection kit  
Urine transport tube not filled to "Fill Area" (above or below – rejected)  
Urine not in transport tube  
M4 media  
Sources (eye, rectal, throat, etc) other than female endocervical, male urethral, or urine. Order Chlamydia Culture and/or GC Culture.
- Transport:** Ambient or refrigerated. Swab within 60 days. Urine in transport tube within 30 days.
- Collection:** The following instructions are provided on the kit packages.
- Female Endocervical Swab Specimens:**
- Remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa using cleaning swab (white shaft swab in package with red printing). **Discard the white shaft swab.**
  - Insert specimen collection swab (**blue shaft swab** in package with green printing) into endocervical canal.
  - Gently rotate swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds in endocervical canal to ensure adequate sampling.
  - Withdraw swab carefully; avoid any contact with vaginal mucosa.
  - Remove cap from swab specimen transport tube and immediately place **blue shaft swab** into specimen transport tube.
  - Carefully break swab shaft at scoreline; use care to avoid splashing contents.
  - Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.
- Male Urethral Swab Specimens:**
- Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.*
- Insert specimen collection swab (**blue shaft swab** in package with green printing) 2 to 4 cm into urethra.
  - Gently rotate swab clockwise for 2 to 3 seconds in urethra to ensure adequate sampling.
  - Withdraw swab carefully.
  - Remove cap from swab specimen transport tube and immediately place specimen collection swab into specimen transport tube.
  - Carefully break swab shaft at scoreline; use care to avoid splashing contents.
  - Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.
- Male and Female Urine Specimens:**
- Patient should not have urinated for at least 1hr prior to specimen collection.  
Female patients should not cleanse labial area prior to providing the specimen.*
- Direct patient to provide first-catch urine (approximately 20 to 30 ml of initial urine stream) into urine collection cup free of any preservatives. Collection of larger volumes of urine may result in specimen dilution that may reduce test sensitivity.
  - Remove cap from urine specimen transport tube and transfer 2ml of urine into urine specimen transport tube using disposable pipette provided. The correct volume of urine has been added when fluid level is between black fill lines on the urine transport tube label. If refrigerated, urine may be added to the transport tube within 24 hr.
  - Re-cap urine specimen transport tube tightly.