



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

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(Urine)

1. The patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to specimen collection
2. 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 sensitivity
3. 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. **Do not overfill the specimen container**
4. Dispose of the preservative-free container and pipette following your institutions policy for contaminated medical waste.
5. Screw cap on the specimen container as tightly and evenly as possible.
6. Label specimen container with the name and other unique identifier. Complete the test requisition form.
7. Package and send the specimens to the laboratory as soon as possible to decrease the potential for equivocal results.
8. Wrap **completed** test requisition(s) around outside of Styrofoam container and slide the Styrofoam and test requisition(s) into the shipping sleeve.

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 thirty 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.