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

Saginaw County Department of Public Health
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(Cervical and Urethral)

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. Recap 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. Include the **completed** test requisition(s) with the specimen.

**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.