

**EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2010, YOU MUST USE NEW SWAB COLLECTION KIT.
Request supplies from the Outfit/Supply Room at 410-767-6120 or 410-767-6121.**

**Swab Specimen Collection and Transport Procedures
Chlamydia trachomatis (CT)/Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC) Q^x Amplified DNA Assay
A Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)**

- Cervix/endocervix and male urethra are the only approved swab collection sites in use for this assay.
- For any other collection site (rectal, vaginal, throat, etc.) use ChlamTrans Transport media for cell culture isolation.

MALE URETHRAL SWABS- Use the Male (blue) Urethral Specimen Collection Kit for the BD ProbeTec™ CT/GC Q^x Amplified DNA Assays. (can be used for CT only or CT/GC combo)

1. Remove the swab from the packaging and insert the swab 2-4 cm into the urethra and rotate for 3-5 seconds. Withdraw the swab. Continue with #4 under the Female Endocervical Swab section.

FEMALE ENDOCERVICAL SWABS- Use the Female (pink) Endocervical Specimen Collection Kit for the BD ProbeTec™ CT/GC Q^x Amplified DNA Assays. (can be used for CT only or CT/GC combo)

1. Remove the **cleaning** swab (polyester fiber-tipped with **white** shaft) from the packaging and use it to remove excess blood and mucus from the cervical os. Discard the used cleaning swab.
2. Remove the **pink** shafted **collection** swab from the packaging and insert it into the cervical canal and rotate for 15-30 seconds.
3. Withdraw the swab carefully. Avoid contact with the vaginal mucosa.
4. Uncap the CT/GC Q^x swab diluent tube and fully insert the collection swab into the tube.
5. Break the shaft of the swab at the score mark (**DO NOT** cut the shaft shorter) using care to avoid splashing and tightly recap.
6. Label the tube with the patient's name (matching the lab slip exactly) and the collection date/time.
7. Complete an **Infectious Agents: Culture/Detection** lab slip. Select **Chlamydia trachomatis/GC NAAT** or **Chlamydia trachomatis only/ NAAT**. Be sure to include the source of the specimen (only CX or male URE) in the box next to the test requested.
8. Seal the tube in the zip lock section of a biohazard transport bag and place the form in the outside pocket.
9. Swab specimens must be stored and transported to the lab at 2-30 °C within 30 days of collection. Please transport to the laboratory in an insulated container with cold packs to insure that the acceptable temperature range is not exceeded.

If you have any questions, please call the Chlamydia lab at 410-767-6154.
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