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Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae Detection by Aptima Testing

Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: Chlamydia and Neisseria are Notifiable Conditions. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.• Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aptima Combo 2 Assay Collection devices (supplied by HETL) are the only acceptable devices in which a specimen can be submitted
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please see page 2 for specific protocols• Swab specimens may be stored at 2° to 30°C and must be submitted within 60 days of collection.• Urine specimens may be stored at 2° to 30°C and must be submitted within 30 days of collection.• Ship specimens on frozen cold packs or at ambient temperature.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results are generally available within 1 - 3 business days of specimen receipt
Rejection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimens received without a requisition form, clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled, unlabeled, or leaking containers. Specimens transported at incorrect temperature. A swab specimen transport tube containing no swab, two swabs, a cleaning swab, or a swab not supplied by Hologic. After urine has been added, the liquid level in the urine transport tube must fall between the two black indicator lines on the tube label.
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N. gonorrhea rRNA, Amplified: Negative or Positive• Chlamydia trachomatis rRNA, Amplified: Negative or Positive• Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$25
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 87491 (Chlamydia) and 87591 (GC)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704• Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706



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Urine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to specimen collection. Using the disposable pipette provided in the kit, transfer 2mL of urine into the urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection.
Endocervical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove excess mucus from the cervical os using the cleaning swab (white shaft) and discard. Use the specimen collection swab (blue shaft) to collect sample. Immediately place the blue swab in to the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly.
Urethra (male)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to specimen collection. Use only the specimen collection swab (blue shaft) to collect sample and immediately place into the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly.
Rectal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insert the blue shaft swab 3-5 cm into rectum and rotate against the rectal wall several times. Repeat process if swab is grossly contaminated with feces. Immediately place the blue swab in to the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly.
Pharyngeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vigorously rub the tonsils and posterior pharynx with the blue shaft swab. The use of a tongue depressor may be helpful. Carefully remove swab, not touching any area of the mouth. Immediately place the blue swab in to the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly.
Vaginal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed for patient self-collect for instructions see: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/micro/download-forms.htm - APTIMA Vaginal Swab Collection