



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES



**CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS AND NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE  
AMPLIFIED TESTING USING SDA BDPROBETEC™ ET SYSTEM**

**COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS**

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Fill out all the requisition slip information **COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY**.
2. To request the SDA Amplified Test check off the "amplified" test under Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia.
3. Collect the specimens under the following conditions for optimal laboratory results:

**SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION:**

**The SDA Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Swab Collection Kit consists of:**

1. The **CULTURETTE DIRECT** Cleaning-Collection and Transport System (for female endocervical specimens) OR the Mini-Tip **CULTURETTE DIRECT** Collection and Transport System (for male urethral specimens)
2. One requisition slip
3. One biohazard plastic specimen bag with slot for requisition slip when using courier OR one biohazard plastic specimen bag and one double walled container when using US Mail

**Cervical Specimens:**

1. Remove excess mucus from the cervical os with the large-tipped cleaning swab provided and discard
2. Insert the **CULTURETTE DIRECT** swab into the cervical canal and rotate for 15 – 30 seconds
3. Withdraw the swab carefully. Avoid contact with vaginal surfaces
4. Immediately place the cap/swab into the transport tube. Make sure the cap is tightly secured to the tube
5. Label the tube with patient information and date collected. Place specimen in plastic zipper lock bag provided
6. Place requisition slip in slot of plastic specimen bag if using courier. Place bagged specimen into inner liner, wrap requisition around liner, then place in outer mailer, if using US Mail
7. The specimen must be stored and transported to the PHL at 2-27°C (refrigerator-moderate room temperature) within 6 days of collection

**Male Urethral Specimens:**

1. Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to sampling
2. Insert the Mini-Tip **CULTURETTE DIRECT** swab provided 2-4 cm into the urethra and rotate 3-5 seconds
3. Withdraw the swab and place the cap/swab into the transport tube. Make sure the cap is tightly secured to the tube
4. Label the tube with patient information and date collected. Place specimen in plastic zip-lock bag provided. Place requisition slip in slot of plastic specimen bag if using courier. Place bagged specimen into inner liner, wrap requisition around liner, then place in outer mailer if using US Mail
5. The specimen must be stored and transported to the PHL at 2-27°C (refrigerator-moderate room temperature) within 6 days of collection

**URINE SPECIMEN COLLECTION:****The SDA Chlamydia and Gonorrhea urine collection kit consists of:**

1. One Urine Processing Tube (UPT) collection kit
2. One requisition slip
3. One biohazard plastic specimen bag with slot for requisition slip
4. One double walled container - if needed for transport

**Male and Female Urine Specimens:**

- A. Patient must not have urinated during the previous 1 hour
- B. Have patient collect 10-50 ml of first catch urine (first part of stream – NOT midstream) and transfer to the UPT collection kit within 8 hours.
- C. Cap the specimen container tightly and label with patient information and date collected
- D. Place the specimen container into the plastic zipper lock bag provided.
- E. Place requisition slip in slot of plastic specimen bag if using courier. Place bagged specimen into inner liner, wrap requisition around liner, then place in outer mailer if using US Mail
- F. Specimen must be stored and transported to the PHL within 30 days of collection

**NOTE:**

Only endocervical (female) and urethral (male) swab specimens collected and transported using the **CULTURETTE DIRECT** Cleaning - Collection and Transport System (for female endocervical specimens) OR the Mini-Tip **CULTURETTE DIRECT** Collection and Transport System (for male urethral specimens) or urines transported in aseptic polypropylene containers without preservatives are acceptable specimens

If there are any questions concerning specimen collection or handling or the process of ordering kits, call 271-4661 or 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4661.

02/1/2006  
02/14/08 SHM