

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

- Approved for urine samples (male and female).
- 1. The patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.
- 2. Collect the urine specimen in a plastic, sterile, preservative-free, specimen collection cup.
- 3. The patient should collect the first 20-60 ml of voided urine (the first part of the stream-NOT mid-stream) in a urine collection cup. Urine volume less than 2 ml or greater than 60 ml will be rejected.
- 4. Verify that the cap is properly aligned and tightly closed.
- 5. Label the cup with the patient's name (matching the lab slip exactly) and the collection date/time.
- 6. 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 (UR) in the box next to the test requested.
- 7. Double bag urine specimens. Seal the cup in the zip locked section of a plastic bag with absorbent material. Seal this bag in the zip locked section of a biohazard transport bag and place the form in the outside pocket.
- 8. Refrigerate the specimen immediately and transport to the laboratory in an insulated container with cold packs (2-8°C.) Specimen may **not** be stored or transported at room temperature.
- 9. The specimen must be processed within 7 days of collection. It must reach the laboratory registration area by no later than the 6th day (except Friday) to be tested within the 7 day allowance. Specimens received on a Friday will not be tested until Monday (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday.)

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

Request supplies from the Outfit/Supply Room at 410-767-6120 or 410-767-6121