

## 2011 Chlamydia Sticker Allocation Teleconferences Frequently Asked Questions

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### Q What is the client ID?

A The client ID is a 7 digit number that the laboratory uses to identify each clinic. We ask you to include your 7 digit client ID in the submitter box on the lab slip, along with your name and address, so that there will not be any confusion as to specifically who has submitted the specimen. Sometimes slightly different names or stamps are used, but the unique ID number provides clarity. If you do not know your Client ID number, call the lab (Susan Taylor 410-767-6154) and it will be provided to you.

### Q How are cultures affected by the new sticker ordering policy?

A Cultures are not affected by the sticker ordering policy. The stickers are to be used only for Chlamydia/GC Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT.) If you want to order either a GC culture or a Chlamydia cell culture, you do not need a sticker. The lab slip should be marked for a Gonorrhea Culture in the first column on the slip. For Chlamydia, mark *Chlamydia trachomatis* in the second column. For both, you will need to include the source of the sample next to the test you are requesting. Chlamydia cell culture is limited to sites that are not approved for NAAT, like throat or rectal swabs.

### Q How is “first void urine” defined?

A For our purposes, a “first void urine” is the very first part of the urine stream. It does not mean the first urine of the day. As long as the patient has not urinated for at least one hour, you can collect the first 15-20 ml of the void at any time of day.

### Q Do we have to put an allocation sticker on each page of the form?

A No, there is only one allocation sticker per serial number and it goes in the upper left corner of the original form. But if you use labels for the names and addresses of the patient and/or the clinic, please be sure to apply one of these to each copy.

### Q May I use an allocation sticker on a male or a woman over 25?

A The guidelines provided by the Center for STI Prevention state that the stickers are to be used to test women under the age of 25 to best target the “at risk” population. But this is just a guideline, not a mandate. You may use the stickers on males and women over 25 if the clinician feels there is risk of infection.

### Q Is Chlamydia and GC testing by culture available as a combo test?

A No. To test for Chlamydia and GC by culture you must collect 2 samples, one in each respective transport assembly and order each test individually on the lab slip.

**Q Does the test request have to be for a Chlamydia/GC combo NAAT if we are applying an allocation sticker to the form?**

A Yes. In fact the sticker has the combo test request printed directly on it, so you have ordered a combo assay when you put the sticker on the form.

**Q May I order a bacterial culture and a CT/GC NAAT assay from one urine sample?**

A No. A bacterial culture sample should be a mid stream, clean catch urine and a NAAT sample should be the first part of the void. A clean catch urine sent for NAAT testing will be rejected.

**Q If I do not put an allocation sticker on my form for CT/GC NAAT testing, will I be billed for it?**

A Yes. The laboratory will bill for any sample tested without an allocation sticker provided.