













GC/Chlamydia Collection Guidelines

Test/Source	Order	Collection Device	Example
PCR, GC/Chlamydia Female: Cervical *Must be age 14 or older*	GC/Chlamydia (LAB2043 CTNG) N. Gonorrhoeae (LAB1363 NGPCR) Chlamydia (LAB2045 CTPCR)	Roche 4800 Cervical Collection PCR Transport Container	
TMA, GC/Chlamydia Female: Vaginal *For patients age 13 and under*	GC/Chlamydia by TMA (LAB2236 MISCC) ARUP #60241	Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit	
PCR, GC/Chlamydia Male/Female: Urine *Must be age 14 or older*	GC/Chlamydia (LAB3051 CTNGU) N. Gonorrhoeae (LAB3093 UGC) Chlamydia (LAB3092 UCT)	Roche 4800 Urine Collection PCR Transport Container	
Culture, N. Gonorrhoeae: Endocervix, Urethra, Anorectal, Oropharynx, Conjunctiva, Bartholin's Gland, Blood, Joint Fluid, Skin Lesions	Culture, GC (Neisseria Gonorrhoeae) (LAB235 GCC)	Mini-tip eSwab for urethral specimens Flocked eSwab for other sources *See Lakeland Online Test Catalog for Individual Collection Instructions*	
Culture, Chlamydia Trachomatis: Conjunctiva, Urethra, Endocervix	Culture, Chlamydia Trachomatis (LAB244 CHLYB)	Universal Transport Media (UTM) *See Lakeland Online Test Catalog for Individual Collection Instructions*	
Culture, Chlamydia Trachomatis: Oropharynx **Performed by Reference Laboratory**	Culture, Chlamydia Trachomatis (LAB2236 MISCC) SBMF #45605	Universal Transport Media (UTM) *Indicate Test Source on Order*	
For additional information and collection instructions please refer to the Lakeland Laboratory Test Catalog at lakelandhealth.org or call Laboratory Client Services at 269-983-8311 ext. 1			
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Swab/Culture Collection Guidelines

***Note:** For GC/Chlamydia collections, please refer to the guidelines on the reverse side.

Media	Example	Tests	Instructions	Transport
White Top Routine eSwab		Aerobic, Fungal, Mycobacteria or Anaerobic Culture: All Sources	Properly cleanse area prior to specimen collection.	Room Temperature
Green Top eSwab – MINI		Aerobic or Fungal culture: All sources where small swab is required. (Ears, Eyes, NP, Urethral, Pediatric)	Properly cleanse area prior to specimen collection	Room Temperature
Universal Transport Media (UTM)		Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma Culture, Herpes by PCR, *Chlamydia Culture*, Viral Cultures of any source BESIDES Nares		Refrigerated/ On Ice
Sterile Cup		Aerobic, Acid Fast or Fungal Culture: Fluids, Tissues, Catheter Tips, Skin Scrapings, Sputum		Room Temperature
Anaerobic Transport Media (Glass Tube)		Anaerobic Culture: Tissues, Fluids, Swabs	Swab specimens are inferior to tissue or fluid specimens for microbiology cultures	Room Temperature
Red Top Swab Stuarts Media		Group B Strep by PCR and MRSA by PCR	Swabs will be individually labeled indicating which test they are used for.	Room Temperature
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