

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION INFORMATION Urethral/endocervical swab and urine: Chlamydia and Gonococci research with PCR method

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## **Urethral and/or Endocervical Swab**

#### **Collection material:**

Use only the specific kit provided by the Laboratory

- 1 swab to remove mucus
- 1 Endocervical/Urethral sampling swab with plastic shaft
- 1 tube with transport medium (YELLOW colour)

The Kit should be stored at a temperature of 15°C-30°C

## Endocervical sampling method:

The patient must be lying on the table in a gynecological position

- Insert the disposable speculum
- Clean by removing excess mucus with one of the 2 swabs in the kit
- Collect the sample by inserting the second swab into the endocervical canal, gently rotate the rod 5 times in the same direction inside the endocervical canal
- Do not exceed the number of rotations indicated
- Gently withdraw the swab, avoiding any contact with the vaginal mucosa
- Remove the cap from the tube containing the transport liquid and insert the swab approximately halfway into the transport medium
- Lever with the rod against the edge of the test tube so as to break the swab at the dark line
- Cap the tube tightly



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#### **Urine**

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- 1. 1 pipette to collect the urine sample from the sterile container
- 2. 1 tube with transport medium (YELLOW colour)
- 3. The Kit should be stored at a temperature of 15°C-30°C

### **Urine collection methods:**

- 1. The patient must NOT have urinated for at least one hour before sample collection
- 2. Collect only the first batch (between 10 and 30ml) in a sterile urine container (larger volumes decrease the sensitivity of the test)
- 3. Immediately transfer the urine to the tube using the disposable pipette provided in the kit
- 4. The volume of urine added is sufficient when the liquid has reached the level indicated between the two dark lines recognizable by the two black arrows on the test tube label
- 5. Cap the tube tightly
- 6. Invert the test tube 5 times to mix the contents well

If it is not possible to transfer the urine sample to the transport medium, store the sample for 24 hours at a temperature between 2-30°C.

### **Delivery:**

Send to the Laboratory during its operating hours

#### **Conservation:**

Store at room temperature, even during transport to the laboratory