


Collection Instructions for Chlamydia / Gonorrhea Testing in MALES

- Either a urine sample or urethral swab can be submitted for CT / GC nucleic acid amplification testing in males.
- The sensitivity and specificity of CT / GC testing with the Gen-Probe APTIMA system used at LifeLabs are similar for urethral swabs and urine samples.



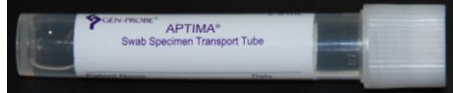
Please package each patient's specimens in a separate plastic bag (each bag should contain specimens for one patient only)

Urine Specimen Collection:

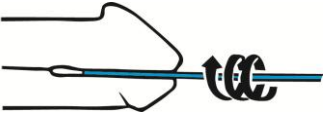
Collection device	Instructions
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect the first 20–30 mL of voided urine (first part of stream – NOT a midstream). The minimum acceptable volume is 20 mL, the maximum is 60 mL. 2. For best results, urine specimens should reach the laboratory / Patient Service Center within 24 hours of collection; however, specimens will be accepted within 72 hours of collection if it was refrigerated.

Urethral Swab Collection:

- Use APTIMA swabs ONLY for nucleic acid amplification testing (NAT) – **NOT SUITABLE for CULTURE.**
- CT and GC NAT can be performed from a single APTIMA swab.
- The same unisex collection kit used for endocervical specimens is also used for urethral specimens.
- **The patient should not have urinated for at least one hour before specimen collection.**


APTIMA Collection Kit Contents	
	LARGE SWAB with WHITE SHAFT – DISCARD
	Small swab with blue shaft for collecting specimen
	Swab Specimen Transport Tube

1.



Insert **small swab with blue shaft** 2–4 cm into urethra to collect specimen

2.



- Remove cap from swab transport tube
- Place **blue shaft swab** into tube
- Break shaft at scored line

3.



Replace cap on tube