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Oropharyngeal & Rectal Specimen Collection & Handling Instructions *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Amplified DNA Assay

This test is only for specimens collected in a clinical setting (not self- or home collected)

Collection Kit: Use the ProbeTec™ Q^x Collection Kit for Endocervical or Lesion Specimens. The kit contains one polyester fiber-tipped swab with a white shaft, one sterile polyurethane foam-tipped collection swab with a **pink shaft** and one tube of **Q^x Swab Diluent**.

Collection Instructions: Take care to avoid cross-contamination during the specimen collection and handling steps. Ensure that specimen containers do not contact one another, and discard used materials without passing over open containers. If gloves come in contact with specimen, change gloves to avoid cross-contamination.

OROPHARYNGEAL SWAB	RECTAL SWAB
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use the PINK SHAFT SWAB provided in the kit for specimen collection (dispose of the white shaft swab)2. Instruct patient to open mouth widely. Rotate the swab several times against back wall of the pharynx, tonsils and inflamed areas.3. Carefully withdraw the swab without touching the cheeks, teeth and gums.4. Remove the cap from the swab specimen transport tube and immediately place the swab into the Q^x Swab Diluent tube5. Carefully break the shaft of the swab at the score mark. Avoid splashing of contents6. Tightly re-cap the specimen transport tube.7. Label the tube with patient name and a second unique identifier such as DOB.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use the PINK SHAFT SWAB provided in the kit for specimen collection (dispose of the white shaft swab).2. Insert the swab approximately 3-5 cm. into the rectum. Rotate the swab against the rectal wall at least 3 times.3. Carefully withdraw the swab. Swabs that are grossly contaminated with feces should be discarded and the collection repeated.4. Remove the cap from the swab specimen transport tube and immediately place the swab into the Q^x Swab Diluent tube5. Carefully break the shaft of the swab at the score mark. Avoid splashing of contents.6. Tightly re-cap the specimen transport tube.7. Label the tube with patient name and a second unique identifier such as DOB.

Test Requisition: Complete a *CLINICAL TEST REQUISITION* form for each specimen filling in all required fields. Specimen Source/Type: Check *Other, specify* and enter OP Swab or Rectal Swab. Test Requested: Check Chlamydia & Gonorrhea DNA Probe.

http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/laboratory/labhome/forms/clinical_test_requisition_ol9b_fill.pdf

Handling & Transport: Package and transport the specimen to the laboratory as soon as possible. The specimen may be stored at room temperature but must be received by the laboratory within 30 days of collection and **before the expiration date on the tube**.