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COLLECTION OF ENDOCERVICAL SPECIMEN FOR CHLAMYDIA PCR TESTING

Material supplied:

Gen probe, APTIMA UNISEX Specimen Collection Kit including:

- UNISEX Collection Swab for Endocervical & Male Urethral Specimens
- Cleaning Swab (for female use only)

Biohazard transport bag

Requisition completed by Physician or clinic

Collection Procedure:

1. Remove excess mucus from the cervical OS and surrounding mucosa using the cleaning swab (white shaft). Discard this swab.
2. Insert the specimen collection swab (blue shaft) into the endocervical canal.
3. Gently rotate the swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds in the endocervical canal to ensure adequate sampling.
4. Withdraw the swab carefully avoiding any contact with the vaginal mucosa.
5. Remove the cap from the swab collection transport tube and immediately place the specimen collection swab into the transport tube.
6. Carefully break the swab shaft at the score line. Use care to avoid splashing of contents.

NOTE: The swab remains in the transport tube.

7. Recap the swab specimen transport tube.
8. Wash and dry hands thoroughly.
9. Attach patient's demographic label on the specimen. Alternatively, label the specimen with the patient's full name and date of birth.
10. Write the date and time of collection on the specimen.
11. Place the specimen inside the biohazard transport bag. Close the seal.
12. Place completed requisition in pouch on the side of the biohazard transport bag.
13. After collection, store the specimen between 2 to 30°C.

Deliver specimen to the Microbiology laboratory within 48 hours of collection.

The microbiology laboratory will receive specimens 24 hours/7 days a week.

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