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## **COLLECTION OF MALE URETHRAL 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, not needed for male patient)

Biohazard transport bag

Requisition completed by Physician or clinic

**Collection guidelines:**

**\*\*Patient should NOT have urinated for at least one hour prior to sample collection\*\***

**Collection Procedure:**

1. Insert the specimen collection swab (blue shaft) 2 to 4 cm into the urethra.
2. Gently rotate the swab clockwise for 2 to 3 seconds in the urethra to ensure adequate sampling.
3. Remove the cap from the swab specimen transport tube and immediately place the specimen collection swab into the transport tube.
4. Carefully break the swab shaft at the score line. Use care to avoid splashing of contents.  
**NOTE: The swab remains in the transport tube.**
5. Recap the swab specimen transport tube tightly.
6. Wash and dry hands thoroughly.
7. Attach patient's demographic label on the specimen. Alternatively, label the specimen with the patient's full name and date of birth.
8. Write the date and time of collection on the specimen.
9. Place the specimen inside the biohazard transport bag. Close the seal.
10. Place completed requisition in pouch on the side of the biohazard bag.
11. After collection, store specimen transport tube at 2 to 30°C.

Deliver the 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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