



CHLAMYDIA AND NEISSERIA GONORRHEA (GC) APTIMA (GEN-PROBE) TESTING Laboratory Submission Information Sheet	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	Yes: Chlamydia and GC are Notifiable Conditions. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory	Clinical laboratories are NOT required to submit specimens.
Required Information:	Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. Specimen must be labeled with patient name. IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION Requisition form: PDF
Specimen Requirements:	Aptima Combo 2 Assay Collection devices (supplied by HETL) are the only acceptable devices in which a specimen can be submitted
Collection Instructions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urine: Patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to specimen collection. Using the disposable pipette provided in the kit, transfer 2mL of urine into the urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection. 2. Endocervical: Remove excess mucus from the cervical os using the cleaning swab(white shaft) and discard. Use the specimen collection swab(blue shaft) to collect sample. Immediately place the blue swab in to the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly. 3. Urethra (male): Patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to specimen collection. Use only the specimen collection swab (blue shaft) to collect sample and immediately place into the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly. 4. Rectal: Insert the blue shaft swab 3-5 cm into rectum and rotate against the rectal wall several times. Repeat process if swab is grossly contaminated with feces. Immediately place the blue swab in to the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly. 5. Pharyngeal: Vigorously rub the tonsils and posterior pharynx with the blue shaft swab. The use of a tongue depressor may be helpful. Carefully remove swab, not touching any area of the mouth. Immediately place the blue swab in to the specimen transport tube. Break the swab at the scoreline. Recap tube tightly. 6. Vaginal: Designed for patient self-collect for instructions see: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/micro/download-forms.htm - APTIMA Vaginal Swab Collection
Specimen Handling and Transport:	Transport swab specimens at 2° to 30°C within 60 days of collection. Transport urine specimens at 2° to 30°C within 30 days of collection. For shipping purposes, clinical specimens are category B
Turn Around Time:	Results are available 24-48 hours after receipt
Disclaimer	Rectal and Pharyngeal specimens are not FDA approved. Application of the assay for these specific specimen sources has been validated by HETL which is a CLIA certified laboratory.
Unacceptable Conditions:	A swab specimen transport tube containing no swab, two swabs, a cleaning swab, or a swab not supplied by Gen-Probe, the specimen will be rejected. After urine has been added, the liquid level in the urine transport tube must fall between the two black indicator lines on the tube label. Otherwise, the specimen will be rejected. Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking containers will not be tested.
Results Include:	N. gonorrhoea rRNA, Amplified: Negative or Positive Chlamydia trachomatis rRNA, Amplified: Negative or Positive
Results:	All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	\$20.00
Applicable CPT Codes:	87491 (Chlamydia) and 87591 (GC)
Additional Information:	For Chlamydia/GC specific questions contact : Bacteriology at 207-287-6244 REV 04/2012