



== NEW INSTRUMENTATION – NEW SPECIMEN TYPE ==

***Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by Amplified DNA Probe
Chlamydia trachomatis by Amplified DNA Probe**

Starting September 1, 2010, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) and *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) will undergo an instrument change and be performed at Nebraska LabLinc. The CT/GC Q^x Amplified DNA assays are FDA approved for testing GC and/or CT using the two most common liquid-based cytology (LBC) preservative media, ThinPrep and SurePath Pap Tests.

In addition to the LBC preservative media, analysis will continue to be available on special swabs (Endocervical or Urethral) and random urine specimens. Due to the instrumentation change, the Specimen Collection kits for both the female and male swabs will change as will the collection process. The current swab collection kits will not be acceptable with the new instrumentation. Your account managers and/or couriers will be delivering new collection media and supply order forms to you prior to September 1st.

Specimen requirements:

Submit one of the following:

- Female Endocervical Swab in transport tube
- Male Urethral Swab in transport tube
- Urine Specimen
- ThinPrep Pap Test Vial (use only if Pap is also ordered)
- BD SurePath Pap Test Vial (use only if Pap is also ordered)

Stability:

Swab: Stable at room temperature for up to 30 days when using the swab/wet tube transport system.

Urine: Stable at refrigerated temperature for up to 7 days. Room temperature is not acceptable.

LBC (Pap vial): Stable at room temperature for up to 14 days.

Day(s) Test Set Up:

Monday through Friday

New Test Codes:

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| 52458 | GC + Chlamydia by Amplified Probe |
| 52455 | Chlamydia trachomatis by Amplified Probe |
| 54565 | Neisseria gonorrhoeae by Amplified Probe |
| 54568 | GC + Chlamydia by Amplified Probe Pap Vial |
| 52456 | Chlamydia trachomatis by Amp Probe - Pap Vial |
| 54566 | Neisseria gonorrhoeae by Amp Probe - Pap Vial |

CPT Codes:

- 87491 Chlamydia trachomatis
87591 Neisseria gonorrhoeae

Specimen Collection:**Female Endocervical Swab Collection:****BD Q^x Female Endocervical Specimen Collection and Wet Transport Kit (441357):**

1. Remove excess mucus from the cervical os with the white cleaning swab provided in the kit and discard.
2. Insert the pink Female Endocervical Swab into the cervical canal and rotate for 15 to 30 seconds.
3. Withdraw the swab carefully. Avoid contact with the vaginal mucosa.
4. Place the swab in the wet transport tube provided in the kit.
5. Break the pink shaft at the score mark on the swab.
6. Tightly recap the tube.
7. Label the tube with patient information and date/time collected.

Male Urethral Swab Collection:**BD Q^x Male Urethral Specimen Collection and Wet Transport Kit (441358):**

1. Insert the blue Male Urethral Swab 2 to 4 cm into the urethra and rotate for 3 to 5 seconds.
2. Withdraw the swab and place the swab in the wet transport tube provided in the kit.
3. Break the blue shaft at the score mark on the swab.
4. Tightly recap the tube.
5. Label the tube with patient information and date/time collected.

Urine Specimen Collection:

1. The patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.
2. Collect specimen in a sterile, plastic urine collection cup.
3. The patient should collect the **FIRST 15 to 20 mLs** of voided urine.
Note: Urine specimens of 60 mLs or greater will be rejected.
4. Label with patient identification and date/time collected.

ThinPrep™ (PreservCyt) and BD SurePath™ Vial:

Refer to proper collection protocol