

***Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Culture**

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| Test Description | Isolation and identification of <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> from non-genital body sites. |
| Test Use | Detection of <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> from specimen sites (such as pharyngeal and anal) that are unacceptable for use with nucleic acid amplification tests. |
| Test Department | Microbiology Laboratory Phone: (860) 920-6596 FAX: (860) 920-6721 |
| Methodology | Bacterial culture; biochemical identification |
| Availability | Daily, Monday-Friday |
| Specimen Requirements | Specimens must be inoculated onto commercially available media with CO ₂ generating tablets, such as the JEMBEC™ system. |
| Collection Kit/Container | Inoculated JEMBEC™ or other similar system |
| Collection Instructions | Warm JEMBEC™ plate to room temperature. Use sterile swab to collect sample from the pharynx or anal crypts. Roll swab over surface of the media, then gently streak surface of JEMBEC™ with the swab. Label with patient ID. Place JEMBEC™ into plastic bag and seal completely (this is required to ensure proper atmosphere and humidity during transport). |
| Specimen Handling & Transport | Store inoculated JEMBEC™ in incubator at 35-37° C. Transport at ambient temperature. Avoid temperature extremes. |
| Unacceptable Conditions | Unlabeled specimens Specimens that has broken in transit Specimens that have been refrigerated or frozen after inoculation Specimens received on expired media Specimens received more than 5 days after collection/inoculation Specimens received on swabs. |
| Requisition Form | Clinical test requisition (select <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> Culture) |
| Required Information | Name and address of submitter (and/or Horizon profile #) Patient name or identifier, date of birth, town of residence (city, state, zip) Specimen type or source of collection, test requested Please ensure patient name on requisition matches that on the specimen. |

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