

## CHLAMYDIA/ NEISSERIA PCR TEST

Ensure specimen is labelled with:

- Patient Name, Surname & 1<sup>st</sup> name
- UR # if applicable
- Date of birth
- Specimen site, & Date & Time of Collection

### Specimens - Sterile, plain swab in labelled tube (white top).

This swab is suitable for female endocervical swabs and conjunctival swabs for PCR.

### ENT/urethral swab, straight wire in labelled tube (orange top).

This swab is suitable for male urethral swabs.

#### Please note:

- An alternative specimen to cervical or urethral swabs is 10-50 ml of first catch urine sample.
- A single swab can be used for both Chlamydia and *N.gonorrhoeae* PCR. Please state clearly on request form if *N.gonorrhoeae* PCR is required.

## Collection instructions

### Female endocervical

1. Remove excess mucus from endocervix and surrounding mucosa using a sterile swab and discard.
2. Insert the second swab 1 to 1.5 cm into the endocervical canal. Rotate swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds in the endocervical canal to ensure adequate sampling.
3. Withdraw swab carefully; avoid any contact with vaginal mucosa.
4. Fully insert swab into transport tube.

### Male urethral

1. Insert swab 2 to 4 cm into urethra. Rotate clockwise for 2 to 3 seconds to ensure contact with all urethral surfaces.
2. Fully insert swab into transport tube.

### Conjunctival

1. Remove purulent material from conjunctiva using a sterile swab and discard.
2. Evert upper eyelid and firmly roll a second swab across the tarsal conjunctiva three times using firm pressure to obtain epithelial cells.
3. Fully insert swab into transport tube.