

**Test:** Culture testing for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

**Specimen receiving:** Specimens for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* will be accepted from Monday thru Friday by 3:30 p.m. , except on holidays.

**Turn around Time:** 5 days

**Specimen submission:** Submitters are authorized by the STD Control program of the STD/AIDS Branch

**Specimen requirements:** Patient cultures on Martin-Lewis plates or pure culture isolate on chocolate agar slants.

**Specimen transport:** Specimens may be transported at ambient temperature in CO<sub>2</sub> pouches with tablets. The STD/AIDS courier will usually pick up the specimen from physician offices, clinics, laboratories and the STD/AIDS Clinic and transport the specimens to the State Laboratory.

**Requisition form:** All specimens must be submitted with the appropriate *Confidential GC Laboratory Request Form*. The requisition form must legibly include: patient name (or other unique identifier) and the patient name/accession number on the form must match the patient name or accession number on the specimen. The date of specimen collection is required.

**Normal value:** *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* not found.

**Result notification:** Final laboratory reports will be forwarded to the STD/AIDS Clinic for disposition and distribution.

**Comments:** Drug susceptibility testing is performed on isolates but the results are not reported. The results of the drug susceptibility tests are not reported to the submitter. Results will be used for surveillance and monitoring of emerging drug-resistant strains, and not for therapeutic purposes.

**Drug susceptibility testing is performed on isolates for disease surveillance purposes and monitoring of emerging drug-resistant strains only. Drug susceptibility results are reported only to the STD Control Program.**

**Unacceptable submissions:**

