Test: Presumptive culture testing for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

**Specimen receiving:** Specimens for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* will be accepted from Monday through Friday 7:45 a.m. to 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.

**Specimen transport:** Specimens may be transported at ambient temperature in CO₂ pouches with tablets. The authorized submitting laboratories must deliver the specimens to the Hawaii District 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 and/or other unique identifier on the form must match the patient name or other unique identifier 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 submitting laboratory and the SAPP Epi Specialist for disposition and distribution.

**Comments:** Presumptive isolates of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* are sent to the State laboratory for confirmation and drug susceptibility testing for disease surveillance purposes and monitoring of emerging drug-resistant strains. Drug susceptibility results are reported only to the STD Control Program.

**Unacceptable submissions:**

- Leaking or cracked specimens
- Contaminated or overgrown specimens
- Incorrect or incompletely-filled requisition forms
- Nonviable specimens
• Media that has not been inoculated
• Specimens without requisition forms
• Requisition/specimen identifiers that do not match
• Expired, retracted, dehydrated, wet or burnt plates
• CO2 bag not sealed when received or CO2 bag punctured by staple

Test location: State of Hawaii Dept. of Health
Hawaii District Laboratory
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Hilo, HI 96720

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