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## Maui District Health Laboratory

### Specimen Submission Requirements for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Culture

- Test:** Presumptive culture testing for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
- Specimen Receiving:** Specimens for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* will be accepted from Monday thru Friday 7:45 AM to 3:30 PM, except on holidays.
- Turn Around Time:** 5 days
- Specimen Submitters:** Submitters are authorized by the STD Control Program of the Harm Reduction Services Branch
- Specimen Requirements:** Patient culture on Martin-Lewis plate, placed in a sealed plastic pouch with an activated CO2 tablet [tablet is activated by opening the foiled tablet]. Inoculated plates are held at ambient/room temperature. The patient culture is properly labeled (on the bottom) with patient name/unique identifier, culture site, & date of collection.
- Specimen Transport:** Transport inoculated plate in a sealed plastic pouch with an activated CO2 tablet at ambient/room temperature. Authorized submitters must deliver the specimens to the Maui District Health Laboratory as soon as possible for optimum recovery.
- 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), date of collection, culture site, and submitter info. [Agency/Dr., Address, & Phone]. The specimen label must match the requisition form with which it is submitted. The form is kept in a separate compartment from the sealed sample.
- Normal Value:** *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* not found.

**Result Notification:**

Final laboratory reports will be forwarded to the submitter and the Maui STD Program 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
- Old or 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:**

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