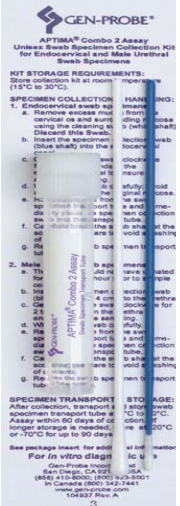

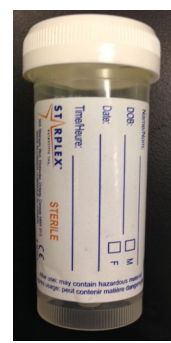





Specimen collection product:	Store at room temperature. Check expiry date before use. Obtain product from SPH Laboratory Supply Cupboard.	     
Test Ordering (Cerner):	Use Laboratory requisition or order through Cerner. Indicate test required and specimen type (eg. endocervix swab, urine, urethra, vaginal, rectal).	
Specimen Label:	Specify source / site and patient's name for each specimen tube / container.	
Transport:	Promptly to the laboratory. If delay in transport, refrigerate the specimen.	
		<div> UNISEX A CT/GC </div> <div> MULTISWAB B CT/GC LGV </div> <div> C Urine CT/GC </div> <div> D Culture </div> <div> E Urethra Culture </div> <div> F Viral PCR </div>

Test	Specimen Type	Collection Product	Collection Instructions
Molecular <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (CT) / <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) APTIMA/Gen-Probe Kit	Urine	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect the “First Catch” urine, i.e. the first 15-20 mL of urine voided. Patient should not void for 2 hours prior to collection. Midstream urine specimens (i.e. urine C&S) are not suitable for CT/GC testing.
	Endocervix	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove excess mucus from endocervix with a WHITE swab and discard. If GC culture is requested and/or a Pap smear is requested, please collect these specimens prior to the CT/GC swab. Use the swab with BLUE shaft to collect specimen by rotating it in the endocervix for 3-5 seconds, and place swab in collection tube.
	Rectum	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the swab with PINK shaft. Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) / Chlamydia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All positives for CT from rectum will be tested for LGV.
	Throat	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the swab with PINK shaft.
	Vagina	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the swab with PINK shaft.
	Urethra	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient should not void for 2 hours prior to collection. Use the swab with the BLUE shaft to collect urethral specimen (inserted 2-4cm into urethra and rotate for 3-5 seconds) and transport swab in provided tube.
Trichomonas Molecular	Vagina	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit an additional vaginal swab for best yield.
Bacterial vaginosis (BV)	Vagina	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BV diagnosis is based on Gram stained smear. No culture is performed.
<i>Candida</i> vaginitis	Vagina	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swab. Culture for yeast is performed on request or chronic vaginitis.
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) culture	Cervix	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If necessary, clean excess mucus / exudates with a swab, and discard swab. For patients with prior hysterectomies, swab both the urethra and high into the vaginal vault.
	Throat	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must indicate test on the requisition.
	Rectum	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rectal specimens contaminated with stool are not suitable for GC testing. Must indicate test on the requisition.
	Urethra	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swab 2-4 cm into the urethra in males.
Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Molecular	Genital lesions	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the special collection kit to collect aspirate and swab of lesion. Detailed instructions provided with kit. Submit the aspirate of a vesicle and a swab of an ulcer base. Collect the swab by vigorously scraping the lesion base of an open vesicle, and transport the swab in the transport medium. For MPOX testing, refer to separate collection instructions found on PHC Intranet – Clinical Services – Laboratory - Virology
Syphilis Molecular	Genital lesion / ulcer	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosed in conjunction with serologic testing. Recommend Syphilis serology at the same time. Use the swab with PINK shaft.