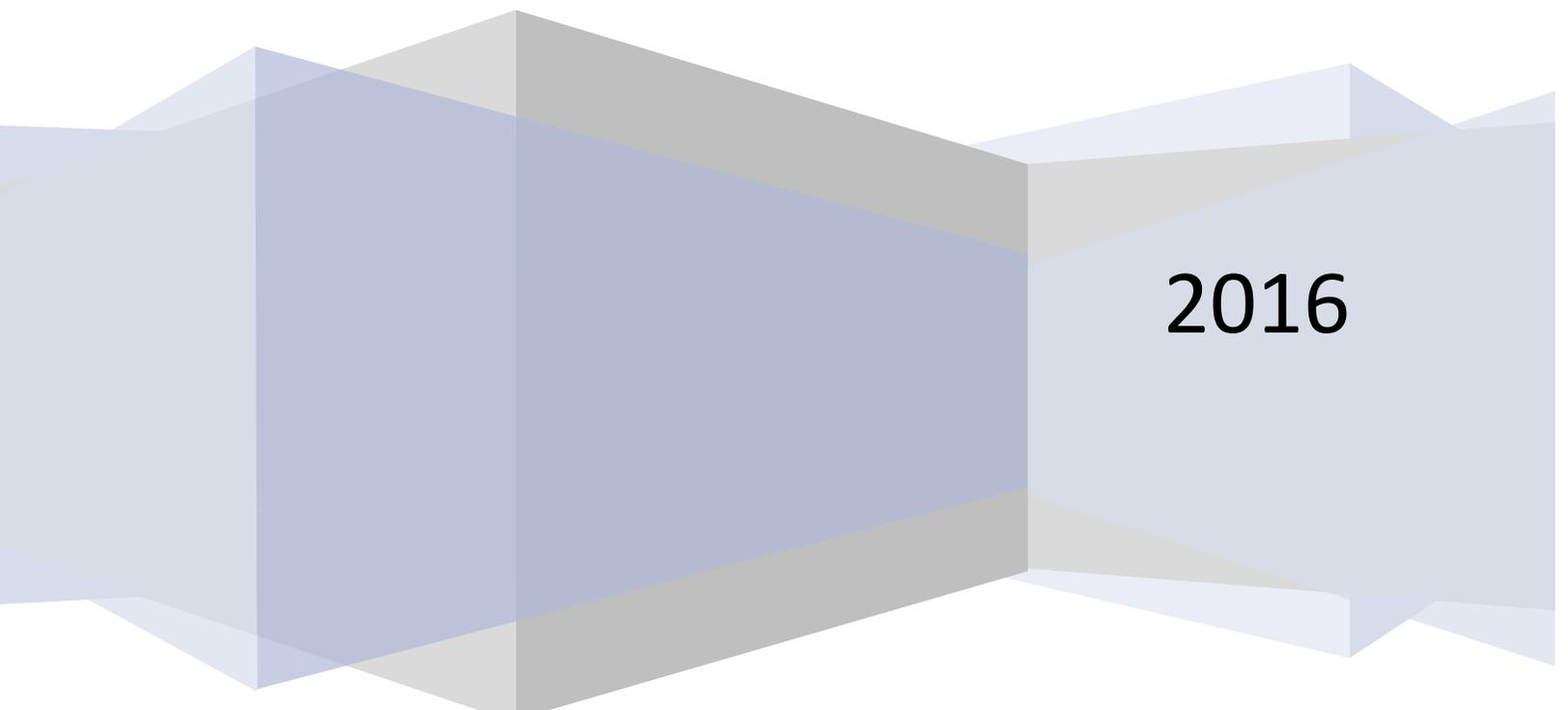


# Iowa Community-Based Screening Services Procedures Manual



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## **1. General Information - *About Iowa Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS)***

Iowa Community-Based Screening Services (CBSS) (formerly known as the Iowa Infertility Prevention Project) is a collaborative project between the **Family Planning Council of Iowa (FPCI), the Iowa Department of Public Health's (IDPH) Family Planning and STD Programs, and the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa (SHL)**. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), testing and treatment for chlamydia and gonorrhea is done in clinic sites across the state. Data collection is an important part of the CBSS and is used on a state and local basis to examine STD occurrence and trends, guide prevention including programmatic priorities, and secure funding.

### ***The Manual***

The purpose of this manual is to provide clinic staff at the CBSS provider sites with a self-study guide to familiarize themselves with the purpose and procedures of the program. Upon receipt, this guide should be read and reviewed by all clinic staff involved with the CBSS. All new employees involved with the program should review the manual within one month of hire.

After reviewing the manual, the clinicians and other staff should then take the post-test located on page 33. This test and registration form should be returned to the CBSS Coordinator and will serve as proof of certification within the CBSS.

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## **Importance of Detecting *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*\***

Chlamydia is the most common bacterial sexually transmitted disease in the United States and gonorrhea is the second most common. The wider availability of affordable, cost-effective laboratory diagnostic tests to detect the presence of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* has allowed further exploration of the broad spectrum of disease caused by these organisms.

**In 2014, there were 1,441,789 cases of chlamydia and 350,062 cases of gonorrhea reported to the CDC.\***

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- 70% of chlamydial infections in women are asymptomatic, as are 50% of the gonorrhea infections.
- Chlamydia and gonorrhea rates are highest in adolescents and young adults between the ages of 15 – 24.
- CDC estimates that undiagnosed and untreated STDs cause at least 24,000 women a year to become infertile.
- Untreated chlamydia and gonorrhea leads to epididymitis in some men.
- Ectopic pregnancy is the leading cause of the first-trimester deaths in the U. S.
- *C. trachomatis* can cause neonatal pneumonia. Both *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* can cause neonatal conjunctivitis.
- *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* increases a woman's risk of acquiring HIV, if exposed to the virus.
- Untreated gonorrhea may lead to disseminated gonococcal infection, a disease in which *N. gonorrhoeae* spreads throughout the bloodstream.
- The Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Report (GISP) continues to show decreasing susceptibility of the cephalosporins to *N. gonorrhoeae*.

\*2014 STD Surveillance, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; November 2015

## Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing at SHL

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Nucleic acid amplified tests (NAATs) are recommended for the detection of reproductive tract infections caused by *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* in men and women, with or without symptoms. According to CDC, optimal specimen types for NAATs are first catch urine from men and vaginal swabs from women. These collection methods should be used by CBSS providers.

At SHL, chlamydia and gonorrhea testing is performed using the Gen-Probe APTIMA Combo 2 Assay, which is a NAAT.

The Gen-Probe APTIMA Combo 2 Assay is FDA-approved for the testing of female endocervical and vaginal swabs, male urethral swabs, as well as male/female urine specimens. SHL has validated the APTIMA Combo 2 Unisex swab for use with oropharyngeal and rectal specimens.

The sensitivity of the Gen-Probe APTIMA Combo 2 Assay is greater than that of culture or the EIA assays for the detection of chlamydia and gonorrhea.

### Test Performance Characteristics

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There is no perfect test. Testing in low-prevalence populations may result in some false-positive results. Positive test results in a low-prevalence population should be interpreted carefully in conjunction with clinical signs and symptoms, patient risk profile, and other findings with the understanding that a likelihood of a false-positive test may be higher than a true positive.

#### Definitions:

**Sensitivity** – The probability of a positive test result given the presence of disease. How good is the test at detecting infection in those who have the disease?

**Specificity** – The probability of a negative test result given the absence of the disease. How good is the test at calling uninfected people negative?

**Predictive Value** – The probability of the presence or absence of disease given the results of the test. **Positive Predictive Value (PPV)** is the probability of disease in a patient with a positive result. **Negative Predictive Value (NPV)** is the probability of not having the disease when the test result is negative. How predictive is the result for that particular patient? This is determined by the sensitivity and specificity of the test, and the prevalence rate of disease in the population testing.

**Prevalence Rate** – The number of cases of illness existing at a given time divided by the population at risk.

The APTIMA Combo 2 *C. trachomatis* sensitivity and specificity charts, the *N. gonorrhoeae* charts, and the Positive and Negative Predictive Values by prevalence rates and specimen sources can be found in Appendix A.

## Enrollment in CBSS

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All providers must be approved for participation in the program. CBSS clinics include family planning, STD, or other agencies targeting disproportionately impacted populations or high morbidity areas. Requests will be considered based on funding availability, population served, and geographic location.

Agencies must sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the CBSS to participate. The MOA is intended to provide a written understanding for the expectations of IDPH, CBSS, and the participating clinics. It is not a contract, but will be signed by the CBSS Administrator, IDPH, and the participating agency program director or manager.

## Quality Assurance

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CBSS recommends methods and sets standards for assuring quality and includes the following identified elements:

- a. Desk monitoring; this is carried out through analysis of printed reports for the purpose of identifying trends and issues arising;
- b. Facility-specific assessments; and
- c. Treatment/partner services.

Considering these methods, the following is the Quality Assurance Plan for the CBSS:

### **Rejected Specimens**

1. Specimens are monitored as they are submitted to SHL and facilities are notified immediately of specimens that cannot be processed. The SHL establishes guidelines for specimen rejection based on the assay package insert and/or the regulator specifications.
2. The SHL will provide monthly and quarterly reports to the CBSS Coordinator that includes all specimens that were found to be unsuitable for testing and the clinics where they originated. A quarterly analysis of the rejected specimens and the reasons for rejection will be reported to each facility. (A list of rejection criteria can be found on page 21.) Contact will be made with any facility with a higher percentage of rejected specimens than the state average for that quarter. Contact will be in the form of a letter. If no improvement is shown in the next quarter, a phone call will be made by the CBSS Coordinator to determine the causes and corrective action needed to be taken, such as on-site training.

## **Out of Criteria Specimens**

Data from the lab requisition forms for each clinic will be reviewed by laboratory staff for birth date, plus the other information that relates to testing such as insurance status, signs and clinical impressions, symptoms, and risk history. Specimens from patients that do not fit the CBSS screening criteria will be rejected. If data are incomplete, clinics will be notified to obtain missing information as time allows.

## **Data Collection/Accuracy**

The CBSS Coordinator audits the test request forms for appropriate and accurate data collection. The lab form is the only means for data collection and complete data collection is necessary for effective program operation. Once a month, the CBSS Coordinator receives a spreadsheet from SHL with the data for each specimen submitted. Data are reviewed for incomplete data fields. A field left blank in an excess of five times in one month is considered above the state standard and the clinic submitting the specimen/data will be contacted by letter to advise them of the problem. Clinics receiving written notification for three consecutive months will be notified by phone by the CBSS Coordinator to help resolve the data issues.

## **Quarterly Reports – Data Analysis**

Data collected from test request forms is compiled to create the CBSS quarterly and year-end reports. These reports contain the total number of specimens submitted, total and percent positive for chlamydia and gonorrhea, and other data related to fields reported to the CBSS. The CBSS Coordinator will provide a yearly data analysis for the CBSS and each participating provider.

## **Facility Assessments – Site Visits**

On an annual basis, the CBSS Coordinator will monitor a minimum of 20% of the current CBSS facilities during an in-person site visit in relation to the four elements from the Iowa Quality Assurance Plan. For most agencies, this will mean a routine site visit every three years. (STD clinics may receive a visit every year with the HIV Program CTR visits) A visit may be done sooner if there is new staff or issues related to one of the quality assurance elements listed. The four elements that will be covered during the visit include:

1. Specimen Collection and Submission
2. Screening Criteria
3. Data Collection and Accuracy
4. Patient/Partner Treatment and Education

CBSS providers must be available for site visits scheduled in advance during the clinic's regular business hours. Site visits typically last between 60 to 90 minutes and are informal in nature. The site visit provides an opportunity to ensure the clinic is not encountering any difficulties and to provide technical assistance when needed.

During site visits, the CBSS Coordinator will complete the Facility Services Assessment (FSA) form, as required by the Iowa QA Plan. A copy of the form will be provided to the clinic prior to the visit.

In addition to the FSA, the CBSS Coordinator may also (depending on clinic type) perform a medical record (chart) review. If a chart review is done, the CBSS Coordinator will specify the charts to pull, as well as the number of charts. In the case of electronic medical records, clinic staff may need to assist with the audit.

Within seven days from the date of the site visit, the CBSS Coordinator will notify (by letter) the findings of the visit along with any issues needing corrective action or follow-up. A copy of the final FSA and chart review, if applicable, will also be provided.

## Laboratory Quality Assurance

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The SHL has been inspected and licensed under CLIA by the Health Care Facilities Administration.

## CBSS Screening for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

Screening is commonly defined as “testing in asymptomatic populations.” Because of the frequent asymptomatic nature of chlamydial infections, screening becomes essential to controlling disease incidence and preventing potential complications. Economically, it is not possible to screen everyone; therefore, individual regions and states attempt to find the best criteria for their area based on CDC guidelines, published studies, and local prevalence data.

Iowa Code 139A.35 allows for minors to be tested and treated for STDs without parental/guardian consent. All CBSS clinics are expected to follow the Code. The following is the Iowa Code language regarding minors:

A minor shall have the legal capacity to act and give consent to provision of medical care or services to the minor for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease or infection by a hospital, clinic, or health care provider. Such medical care or services shall be provided by or under the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, a physician assistant, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner. Consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of such minority. The consent of another person, including but not limited to the consent of a spouse, parent, custodian, or guardian, shall not be necessary.

### Screening Recommendations

The CDC recommends annual chlamydia screening for all sexually-active women 24 years of age and younger. Screening for women over 24 is recommended for those at increased risk (new sex partner, more than one sex partner, a sex partner with concurrent partners or a partner with a sexually transmitted infection). Recent data suggest that screening sexually-active adolescents and young males for chlamydia are cost-effective and that a relatively high percentage of positivity is found in certain clinic settings and populations with a high burden of infection, such as men who have sex with men (MSM).

Recommendations against routine screening of young men are based upon an assumption of a positivity rate of less than five percent, in which case screening is not cost-effective. However, recent studies indicate a much higher positivity rate among young males attending family planning clinics, even when controlling for variables such as signs/symptoms and known exposure to chlamydia. A likely contributing factor is the migration of males from traditional STD clinics to family planning clinics due to the reduction of hours and closing of many stand-alone STD clinics. Local data affirm similar circumstances for Iowa. For these reasons, the CBSS program does recommend routine

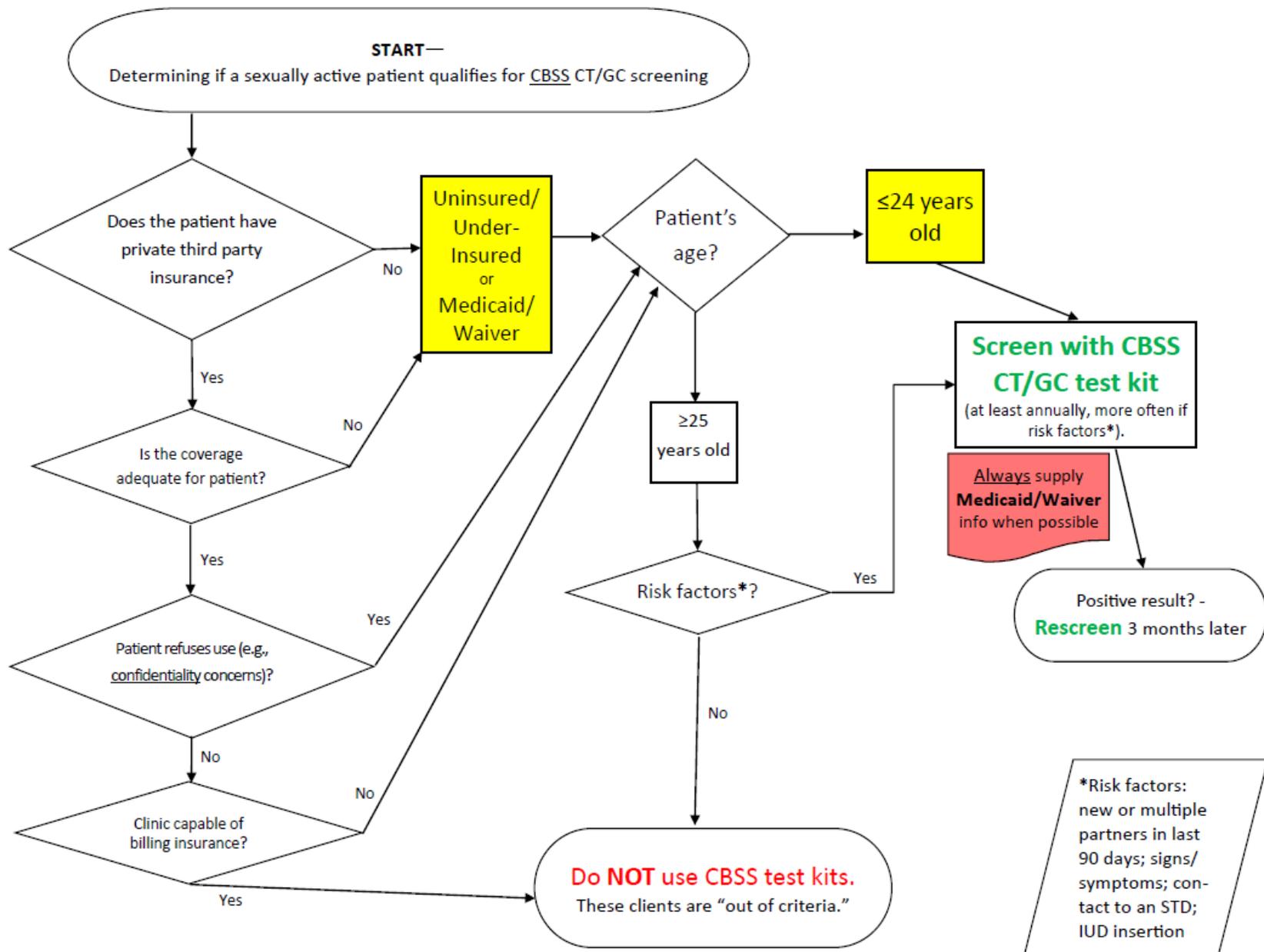
screening of sexually-active males 24 years of age and younger. [http://ncc.prevent.org/products/committee-products/file/EC\\_July-2013.pdf](http://ncc.prevent.org/products/committee-products/file/EC_July-2013.pdf)

In addition, CDC recommends rescreening individuals, regardless of age, with a previous positive test. According to their guidelines “Repeat infections confer an elevated risk for PID and other complications when compared with the initial infection. Therefore, recently infected women are a major priority for a repeat test for *C. trachomatis*.” Clinicians should advise all women and men with CT/GC infection to be rescreened approximately three to four months after treatment.

CBSS screening criteria are the same for females and males, including gay men and other MSM. The screening criteria generally refer to urogenital specimens. However, supplemental guidelines have been developed for oropharyngeal and rectal specimens based upon exposure and risk history. (See Appendix D)

Regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or specimen type, the determination of whether an individual qualifies for screening using CBSS test kits must first be determined using the criteria of insurance status, age, and risk factors. The included flow chart should be used to help make this determination. The CBSS screening criteria are used for both chlamydia and gonorrhea testing. The criteria are based on a combination of recommendations (e.g., CDC) and local data. They focus on young age as the primary risk indicator. Other risk factors include new or multiple partners in the last 90 days, reported symptoms, and observed clinic findings at the time of the exam.

Specimens not meeting the screening criteria will be rejected. Clinics will be notified and may report additional information to justify testing of the specimen.



## Community-Based Screening Services - Current Screening Criteria

### **Insurance Status**

CBSS test kits must be prioritized for individuals who cannot obtain chlamydia and gonorrhea testing because it is cost prohibitive (e.g., lack of or inadequate insurance coverage.) This is the first criterion, before any consideration of risk (e.g. age) is taken into account. Please see the preceding flow chart for guidance on making this determination. Due to limited resources if the cost of testing can be covered by other means (e.g. private insurance) CBSS test kits must not be used. Exceptions will be made for patients requiring confidential services and testing.

### **Women and Men**

Specimen collection for women may be done using a vaginal swab (self-collected or clinician-collected, if patient is over 16 and not pregnant), a cervical swab, or a urine kit. Use of a urine collection kit in an outreach location must have prior approval from the CBSS Coordinator. Specimen collection for men may be done with a urine collection kit or urethral swab.

### **All Clinic Types**

#### **Women and Men $\leq$ 24 years of age:**

- Screen all individuals  $\leq$  24 years of age annually
  - Screen all women  $\leq$  24 prior to IUD insertion, as indicated
- At an exam within 12 months of a negative chlamydia/gonorrhea test, screen ONLY if an individual has one or more of the following:
  - New or multiple partners in the last 90 days (or primary sex partner with new or multiple partners in the last 90 days)
  - Reported symptoms consistent with chlamydia or gonorrhea
  - Observed clinical signs consistent with chlamydia, gonorrhea, or PID
  - Contact to an STD
  - IUD insertion (women)

#### **Women and Men $\geq$ 25:**

- Test all individuals 25 years of age and older if they have one or more of the following:
  - New or multiple partners in the last 90 days (or primary sex partner with new or multiple partners in the last 90 days)
  - Reported symptoms consistent with chlamydia or gonorrhea
  - Observed clinical signs consistent with chlamydia, gonorrhea, or PID
  - Contact to an STD
  - IUD insertion (women)

### **Rescreen**

- Men and women, regardless of age that have a positive chlamydia or gonorrhea test should be rescreened (tested) in 3 to 4 months following treatment. (This is a check for new or re-infection, not a test of cure.)

**In order to determine whether oropharyngeal or rectal screening for gonorrhea or chlamydia is appropriate, see Appendix D. Please note that the above criteria must still be met regardless of specimen type (urogenital, oropharyngeal, or rectal).**

## 2. Data Collection, Specimen Collection, Packaging, and Transport Procedures

### Explanation of Data Collection

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Data for the CBSS is submitted on the test request form that accompanies the specimen to SHL. It is vital that all fields are complete on every form, every time. Test request forms are printed from the SHL website with your individual clinic information. You may download the form and fill it in on the computer or print and fill in by hand. This is the link to find the chlamydia/gonorrhea test request form: <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/testmenu/formgenerator.xml>

Social Security Number and/or a clinic patient identification number are optional fields. Fields related to submitting Medicaid or the Iowa Family Planning Waiver are only required when you have this patient information for billing purposes. Other missing data in the fields will be tracked and clinics notified of these infractions.

### Explanation of Data Fields on the Test Request Form

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#### **Organization Information (Results are reported to this address)**

- This field will pre-populate when you print the forms from the SHL website. Be sure to check to make sure the address is correct for your clinic.

#### **Ordering Health Care Provider Information**

- The provider line can be the person ordering or obtaining the specimen. This does not have to be the same person that is associated with the NPI number. This can be the NPI number for your facility or the clinician/ provider that is responsible for ordering the test and follow up of the results. You must complete the NPI number when you are submitting Medicaid/MCO or the Iowa Family Planning Waiver information for billing. Otherwise, an NPI number should be supplied whenever possible. The phone number is the clinic phone number.

#### **Patient Information**

##### **Patient/Patient Name**

- Please ensure that the name on the test request form and the name on the specimen collection tube are an exact match; otherwise, the laboratory will reject the specimen. If there is no name on the specimen tube, it will be rejected.

### **Birth Date**

- The date the patient was born. Use the format of two-digit month, two-digit day, and four-digit year (e.g., 01/02/2010). If the date is not supplied the clinic will be contacted for this information.

### **Social Security Number**

- This information is optional. It is not required by the CBSS for data collection purposes. The SHL uses this information for making definite patient identification. If your clinic uses this number for identification purposes, you can record it on the test request form.

### **Address**

- SHL and the state STD Program use the address for further identification of the patient in the instance of a positive test. The patient's address may be used to determine the exact geographic distribution of disease trends.

### **City of Residence**

- This field is used to determine the county of the patient's residence. Write out the patient's home city and state on the line provided.

### **Phone Number**

- This information is collected by SHL on all test request forms. It is used for patient notification by the Disease Prevention Specialist (DPS) only in the instance of a disease investigation resulting from a positive test.

### **Gender**

- Indicate male or female by checking "M" for male or "F" for female. Determination of sex is made by observation or the medical record.

### **Race/Ethnicity**

The categories for reporting race and ethnicity for the CBSS conform to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 1997 Revision to the Standard for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity. If this information is not already included in the patient's medical record, the information should be collected by self-identification by the patient. The patient may self-identify or self-report more than one of five races categories. Those marking more than one race will be collapsed into "More than one race reported" category in the final state and regional data. Both a racial and ethnic group must be marked on every form.

### **Race**

- White: Includes persons of European descent, the Middle East, or North Africa

- **Black:** Includes persons having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- **American Indian or Alaskan Native:** Includes persons having origins in any of the Indian peoples in North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment; Alaskan Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut are also included.
- **Asian:** Indicates persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Viet Nam.
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** Includes persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- **Unknown:** If the patient does not know or does not wish to identify race.

### **Ethnicity**

- **Hispanic:** Indicates persons having origins of Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South or Central America, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, “Spanish origin”, can be used in addition to “Hispanic” or “Latino”.
- **Non-Hispanic:** Includes all other persons.
- **Unknown:** If the patient does not know or does not wish to identify ethnicity.

### **Medical Record #/Chart ID/Patient ID Number**

- This is the clinic’s identification number for the patient, if your clinic uses a number other than Social Security Number.
- If your clinic does not use a patient identifier, it can be left blank.

### **Diagnosis Code**

- This is the ICD10 Code. You will only use this field if you are submitting full Medicaid/Waiver information for SHL to bill for reimbursement. Please see below for a list of suggested codes.

#### ***ICD10 Codes***

- When providing Medicaid/MCO information, you must provide the ICD10 code. Without it, the lab’s claims are denied as the processing of the specimen must be linked to the service provided.

CBSS and SHL cannot tell you what codes to use. That is based on services provided and diagnosis. Questions on specific coding for billing purposes should be directed at to your facility’s Billing Department. This is only a partial list of possible codes:

- IFPN Patients
  - Z30.011 - Encounter for initial prescription of oral contraceptives

- Z30.018 - Encounter for initial prescription of other contraceptives
- Z30.019 - Encounter for initial prescription of other contraceptives, unspecified.
- Z30.09 - Encounter for other general counseling and advice on contraception
- Z30.40 - Encounter for surveillance of contraceptives, unspecified
- Z30.41 - Encounter for surveillance of contraceptive pills
- Z30.42 - Encounter for surveillance of injectable contraceptives (DMPA)
- Z30.49 - Encounter for surveillance of other contraceptives
- Medicaid Patients
  - Z11.8 - Encounter for screening for infectious and/or parasitic diseases
  - Z11.3 - Encounter for screening for infections with predominantly sexual mode of transmission.

### Medicaid Information

- Please complete this information if the patient has a Medicaid, Medicaid MCO or Iowa Family Planning Network number.
  - Choose the correct type of Medicaid insurance for the patient.
  - Patient Medicaid, Medicaid HMO or Iowa Family Planning Waiver Number:
    - **You must make a photocopy of the patient's Medicaid/MCO card and attach it to the test request form. This ensures the correct entity and number are used for billing.**
    - IFPN information should be reported only if the chlamydia/gonorrhea test was part of a full contraceptive visit.
    - If a patient is covered by a Managed Care Organization, it is considered Medicaid and the lab can bill.
- In some cases you may not have a patient's IFPN number at the time of submitting the specimen. Please write "Pending" on the line for the number at the time of submission.
  - This will alert the lab. They will contact your clinic by phone to follow up for the ID number.
  - Do not email or fax this information. Additional questions can be directed to John Negley at 319-335-4442.

## **Specimen Information**

### **Date Collected**

- Write in the date the specimen was collected. This information is critical. (For CT/GC specimens you do not have to report the Time Collected.)

### **Specimen Type**

- Check only one choice by marking the box that identifies the site from which the specimen was taken and the type of test kit used (i.e., cervix, oropharyngeal, rectal, urethral, urine or vaginal). Failure to do so will delay results. A separate test request form must be submitted if more than one specimen collection has been performed for the patient.

## **Required Program Information**

### **Reason for Visit (Check only one)**

- FP/Comprehensive: The patient is attending the screening site primarily for routine services (i.e., initial/ annual or contraceptive visits for family planning services or other comprehensive health services).
- STD Screening: The patient is attending the screening site primarily for STD services.
- Prenatal: This field is used by the clinics designated for testing prenatal patients by the CBSS. The patient is attending the screening site primarily for prenatal services.
- Rescreen: All patients testing positive for chlamydia or gonorrhea should be retested 3 to 4 months after treatment. This is not a “test of cure”; it is a check for re-infection. No testing should be performed until at least 3-4 weeks following the completion of treatment to prevent false positive results.
- Pre -IUD: The patient is screened prior to insertion of an intrauterine device.

### **Risk History (Check all that apply)**

- New Partner (last 90 days): Patient reports a new sexual partner in the last 90 days.
- Multiple Partners (last 90 days): Patient reports more than one sexual partner in the last 90 days or the patient reports having a partner with new or multiple partners in the last 90 days.
- Contact to STD: Patient reports having sexual contact with someone that has been diagnosed with any sexually transmitted disease in the last year.
- MSM: Male patient reports he has engaged in sexual contact with other men in the last year.
- None: Patient does not report any of the above; if this field is checked you may not check another field within this section.

**Symptoms**

- The patient reports that he or she has (Yes) or does not have (No) symptoms. (e.g., itching, burning, discharge, pain with intercourse, etc.)

**Signs/Clinical Impressions (Check all that apply)**

- **Cervicitis/Mucopurulent Cervicitis:** An infection of the cervix; symptoms may include mucopurulent vaginal discharge and inflammation. Mucopurulent Cervicitis (MPC) is the presence of endocervical mucus, which give yellow or green discoloration to an endocervical swab inserted into the os. It is defined as any of the following:
  - Edema, erythema, or follicle-like lesions in an area of ectopy ( the extension of columnar epithelium onto the ectocervix), or
  - The presence of cervical mucus with ten or more polymorphonuclear leukocytes per x 1000 microscopic field.
- **Cervical Friability:** Inflammation of the cervix; the patient may report post-coital bleeding, or there may be bleeding when the swab touches the cervix.
- **PID Suspicion:** A diagnosis of PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease) is usually based on clinical findings, which is imprecise. The following are minimum criteria when no other cause can be identified:
  - Lower abdominal tenderness
  - Adnexal tenderness
  - Cervical motion tenderness
- **Urethritis:** An inflammation of the urethra characterized by the discharge of mucopurulent or purulent material, by burning during urination, or urethral itching.
- **No Exam performed:** Mark this field when collecting a specimen and there was no physical examination.
- **None of the above:** A normal exam or an exam that does not include any of the above CT/GC related signs/clinical impressions.
  - Any other clinical impressions should not be considered when completing this field.

**Insurance status (Check only one)**

- **Uninsured:** the patient is not covered by any insurance, public or private
- **Underinsured:** the patient has insurance but it is inadequate or insufficient to cover their health care needs or there is a prohibitively high copay or deductible.
- **Insured, patient requests confidential services:** the patient may refuse to use their insurance due to reasons to protect confidentiality.
- **Medicaid/Waiver information supplied:** the patient has Medicaid or the Family Planning Waiver and the information is provided on the test request form.
- **None of the above:** the provider site does not have the capacity to bill or process the patient's insurance or this is a facility that would not routinely bill for this service (correctional facilities, school-based clinics, etc.).

**Please note:** You do not use the label boxes at the bottom of the TRF page for chlamydia/gonorrhea tests.

A sample SHL test request form follows on the next page.

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## State Hygienic Laboratory

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800-421-IOWA

Ankeny Laboratory  
2220 S. Ankeny Blvd.  
Ankeny, IA 50023-9093  
Phone # 515-725-1600

Lakeside Laboratory  
1838 Highway B6  
Milford, IA 51351-7267  
Phone # 712-337-3689

<http://www.shl.uiowa.edu>

### Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae Test Request Form

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (Results are reported to this address.)					
Organization Id	Organization Name	Address 1			
Address 2		City	State	Zip Code	
ORDERING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION					
Last Name	First Name	NPI (or Facility's Provider ID)		Area Code/Phone #	
PATIENT INFORMATION					
Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	SSN		
Address	City	State	Zip Code	Area Code/Phone #	
Gender	Race				
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				
Ethnicity	Medical Record#/Chart ID/Patient ID		Diagnosis Code		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
Insurance Information		Medicaid/Medicare/IA Meridian/IA Medpass #		Patient Manager NPI (Medpass only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> IA Meridian <input type="checkbox"/> IA Medpass					
SPECIMEN INFORMATION (Check appropriate specimen type and complete requested information. Only one specimen per form.)					
Date Collected	Time Collected (24 hr. clock)	Specimen Type			
/ /	:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cervical swab <input type="checkbox"/> Pharyngeal (Throat) swab <input type="checkbox"/> Rectal swab			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urethral swab <input type="checkbox"/> Urine <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal swab		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
REQUIRED PROGRAM INFORMATION					
Reason for Visit (check only one)		Symptoms (patient reported)		Insurance Information (check only one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Planning / Comprehensive		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured	
<input type="checkbox"/> STD Screen		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Underinsured	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prenatal				<input type="checkbox"/> Insured; patient requests confidential services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rescreen (Positive Chlamydia in the last 3 to 4 months)				<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid/Waiver information supplied	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-IUD				<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
Risk History (check all that apply)		Signs/Clinical Impressions (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Partner (last 90 days)		<input type="checkbox"/> Cervical friability			
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Partners (last 90 days)		<input type="checkbox"/> Cervicitis / Mucopurulent cervicitis			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact with STD		<input type="checkbox"/> PID Suspicion			
<input type="checkbox"/> MSM		<input type="checkbox"/> Urethritis			
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		<input type="checkbox"/> No exam performed			
		<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			



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## Specimen Collection and Transport

Package inserts with instructions for GEN-PROBE APTIMA Collection Kits – APTIMA Specimen Collection Guides are available upon request.

### **Female Endocervical Specimen Collection\***

- Remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa using cleaning swab (white shaft swab in packaging with red printing). *Discard this swab!*
- Insert specimen collection swab (blue shaft swab in package with green printing) into the endocervical canal.
- Gently rotate swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds in endocervical canal to ensure adequate sampling.
- Withdraw the swab carefully; avoid any contact with vaginal mucosa.
- Remove cap from swab specimen transport tube and immediately place specimen collection swab into specimen transport tube.
- Carefully break swab shaft at score line; use care to avoid splashing contents.
- Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

### **Male Urethra Swab Collection\***

*Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.*

- Insert specimen collection swab (blue shaft swab in package with green printing) 2 to 4 cm into the urethra.
- Gently rotate the swab clockwise for 2 to 3 seconds in urethra to ensure adequate sampling.
- Withdraw the swab carefully.
- Remove cap from swab specimen transport tube and immediately place specimen collection swab into specimen transport tube.
- Carefully break swab shaft at score line; use care to avoid splashing contents.
- Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

### **Urine Specimen Collection (Male or Female) \*\***

*Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection*

- Direct patient to provide first-catch urine (approximately 20 to 30 mL of initial urine stream) into urine collection cup, free from any preservatives. Collection of larger volumes may result in specimen dilution that may reduce test sensitivity. **Female patients should not cleanse labia area prior to providing specimen.**
- Remove cap from urine specimen transport tube, and transfer 2 mL of urine into urine specimen transport tube using disposable pipette provided. **The correct volume has been added when fluid level is between black fill lines on urine specimen transport tube label.** (This level is very important!)
- Re-cap urine specimen transport tube tightly. This is now known as the “processed urine specimen.”

### **Vaginal Specimen Collection\***

*Specimen must be collected in a clinical setting or with a clinician present. The specimen may be clinician or patient (self) collected. Self-collected vaginal specimens are an option for screening asymptomatic women. The following instructions are for self-collected swabs. Patients must read the Patient Collection Instructions before providing them with a collection kit. For clinician-collected specimens, the vaginal specimen should be collected before inserting a speculum if an exam is to occur.*

- Wash hands before starting.
- Partially peel open swab package. *Do not touch soft tip or lay swab down. If soft tip is touched, swab is laid down, or swab is dropped, request a new APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit.*
- Remove swab.
- Hold swab by placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft.
- Carefully insert swab into the inside opening of the vagina, about two inches and gently rotate swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure the swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.
- Withdraw the swab without touching skin.
- While holding swab in the same hand, unscrew the tube cap. *Do not spill tube contents. If tube contents spill, request a new collection kit.*
- Immediately place swab into the transport tube so the tip of the swab is visible below the tube label.
- Carefully break swab shaft against the top side of the tube.
- Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

### **Instructions for collecting oropharyngeal/rectal specimens can be found in Appendix D.**

\* Swab specimen transport and storage -- After collection, transport and store swab in swab specimen transport tube at 2<sup>o</sup>C to 30<sup>o</sup>C until tested. Specimens must be assayed with the GEN-PROBE APTIMA Assay for CT and/or GC within 60 days of collection. If longer storage is needed, freeze at -20<sup>o</sup>C to -70<sup>o</sup>C for up to 90 days after collection.

\*\* Urine specimen transport and storage – After collection, transport and store the processed urine specimen in the GEN-PROBE APTIMA urine specimen transport tube at 2<sup>o</sup>C to 30<sup>o</sup>C until tested. Processed urine specimens should be assayed with the APTIMA Assay for CT and/or GC within 30 days of collection. If longer storage is needed, freeze at -20<sup>o</sup>C to -70<sup>o</sup>C for up to 90 days after collection.

### Packaging and Shipment of Swab and Urine Specimens

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- Label each specimen tube with patient's name and/or unique identifier.
  - UNLABELED SPECIMENS WILL NOT BE TESTED
- A complete CT/GC Test Request Form must accompany each specimen.
- Be sure the lid is tightened on the transport tube.
- Use one biohazard bag per specimen.
- Wrap the specimen transport tube in the absorbent material provided and place into biohazard bag. Seal the biohazard bag. Do not use rubber bands!
- Check to make sure the test request form is completely filled out. Fold the test request form in half and place in the white plastic circular mailers. Up to four specimens can be placed in the white mailing tubes.
- When shipping a large number of specimens, a sturdy cardboard box can be used instead of the plastic mailers. This will save postage.
- Use the preaddressed mailing label provided.
- Transport specimens to SHL as soon as possible after collection.
- Transport at 2<sup>0</sup>C to 27<sup>0</sup>C (room temperature).

### Criteria for Rejection/Infractions for Specimen Collection and Transport – SHL QA Events

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- Container wrong – Improper sample container was received for the test requested.
- Data discrepancy – Pre-existing data does not match data on the current test request form.
- Date-Time Error – There was an error in sample collection date (e.g., missing, mismatched, postdated, or incorrect).
- Improper sample type – Improper sample type for test requested on the form.
- Improper swab – Specimen unsuitable for testing due to the use of the white shafted cleaning swab. Use the blue shafted swab for specimen collection.
- Incomplete form – In complete sample information on the form received.
- Missing label information – Sample received from clinic without proper identification on the container label.
- No form – No sample information test request form was received.
- Quantity not sufficient – Sample quantity was not sufficient for the requested test.
- Sample leaking – Sample was leaking upon receipt. Integrity of sample is questionable.
- Swab cut/broken high – Sample not tested. Swabs must be broken off at the indicated break-point to prevent contamination.
- Unable to Match – We were unable to match sample test request form with the sample.

## Ordering Specimen Collection Supplies

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Test kits and all other CT/GC supplies are to be ordered through the CBSS Coordinator or Administrative Assistant at:

Community-Based Screening Services  
Family Planning Council of Iowa  
108 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 220  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Phone: 515-288-9028  
[cbornmueller@fpcouncil.com](mailto:cbornmueller@fpcouncil.com)

Collection kits can include:

- Unisex swab kits, vaginal swab kits or urine kits
- Test request forms
- Biohazard bags
- Absorbent material
- White mailing tubes
- Mailing labels

Individual components may be ordered separately. Swab and urine kits come in boxes of 50. You may specify a quantity less than 50, but only in lots of 50 if ordering more (e.g., 50, 100, 150, etc.) The order is forwarded to SHL.

- Order well in advance, before you run out of supplies. It can take up to 10 to 14 days to receive your test kits.
- It is important to avoid having test kits expire. Be sure to rotate stock of test kits often, watching expiration dates. Practice “First in – First out” policy.
- Supply orders should be placed so you have an approximate 3 month supply on hand.

### 3. Test Results and Treatment Information

#### Receiving Test Results from SHL

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The best way to receive chlamydia and gonorrhea test results is via the web on the SHL OpenELIS (OE) system. Test results are available as soon as they are completed and released, improving turn-around time. Clinics can choose to be notified by email when results are ready and track the progress of specimens through the process.

Results are in a printable format resembling reports that are mailed. Up to three individuals at each clinic site may sign up and receive a password to gain access to the results. Once the staff has completed training and becomes comfortable with the system, a separate request should be submitted to go “paperless.” (The results will no longer be mailed.) SHL should be notified immediately if a staff person leaves the clinic so that access is terminated. Registration/enrollment forms can be found in Appendix B.

A full description of the Web Access Reporting System is found at:  
<http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/results/openelistrainingmanual.pdf>

Questions regarding test results should be directed to:

- Kris Eveland at [kristofer-eveland@uiowa.edu](mailto:kristofer-eveland@uiowa.edu) or
- Jeff Benfer at [jeff-benfer@uiowa.edu](mailto:jeff-benfer@uiowa.edu)

If it is not possible to email, you may call them at 319-335-4500.

#### Receiving Test Results in the Clinic

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- As soon as a positive test result is received, it should be placed in the medical record. In the case of electronic medical records, the result form can be scanned or copied and added to the electronic record.

#### Contacting the Patient

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- An attempt to contact the patient should be made within 1 working day of receiving a positive test result and must be done within 3 working days.
- Each attempt to contact the patient should be recorded in the medical record.
- When permissible, the first attempt to contact the patient should be made by telephone. A physician, physician’s assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, or an appropriately trained non-medical person should make this call.
- Medical information is confidential, and the patient should be reminded of this. Due to confidentiality, if the patient is not home, ask that the phone call be returned. Do not give out medical information to anyone but the patient.

- The patient should be alerted to the serious nature of the infection and reminded that medical attention is needed immediately. Explain to the patient that the infection is easily treated and long-term consequences can be avoided if medication is received in a timely manner.
- Make an appointment with the patient for counseling and treatment as soon as possible.
- If there is no way to contact the patient by telephone, or attempts at telephone contact have been unsuccessful, a certified letter with a return request should be sent to the patient.
- This letter should not contain alarming language. The confidential nature of the content must not be revealed. The letter should encourage the patient to call with questions. The letter should state that this is the last attempt to contact the patient.
- If the clinic is unable to contact a patient with a positive chlamydia or gonorrhea test result, the IDPH STD program must be notified (note: Polk, Linn, Scott, and Black Hawk counties have their own STD Programs and DPS so clinics in these counties may work directly with them). If the clinic is unable to reach the patient within 10 days of receiving the positive test result(s), the clinic must contact Public Health for assistance. The IDPH or county STD Program may be contacted sooner if it appears attempts to contact the patient will be unsuccessful. State and local DPS help locate and contact patients. As staff of state or county public health departments, they have the right to patient information related to reportable infections like chlamydia or gonorrhea. For the name of the DPS in your area, go to the STD Program Resources page and look for the Disease Prevention Specialist map <http://www.idph.iowa.gov/hivstdhhep/std/resources>.
- Treatment drugs for chlamydia and gonorrhea are available for all CBSS providers through IDPH if another method of assuring treatment is not available. For enrollment and ordering information, contact the STD Program Manager at 515-281-4936. Enrollees in the IDPH STD Treatment Medications Program must follow all requirements set forth by the IDPH STD Program and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 340B Program.

### Management of Sex Partners and Follow-up

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- A partner referral system for assuring the examination and treatment of sex partners must be in place.
- Patients should be instructed to refer sex partners for evaluation, testing, and treatment. This need for partner treatment and referral should be noted in the medical chart. Names of partners must not be entered in the patient record.
  - Notification and referral can be accomplished in any of three ways:
    - By the patient
    - By the clinic or provider
    - By the state or local DPS (**Please note:** Due to the high volume of cases, patients diagnosed with chlamydia will only be offered partner

services/referral upon clinician request to your local DPS or the IDPH STD Program.)

- Sex partners should be evaluated and treated if they had sexual contact with the patient during the 60 days preceding onset of symptoms or the diagnosis of chlamydia or gonorrhea.
- The most recent sex partner should be evaluated and treated even if the time of the last sexual contact was greater than 60 days before symptoms or diagnosis.

## Treatment of Chlamydia

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Persons treated for chlamydia should be instructed to abstain from sexual intercourse for 7 days after single-dose therapy or until completion of a 7-day regimen.

### Recommended

- Azithromycin 1 gram orally single dose, directly observed OR
- Doxycycline 100 mg. orally 2 times a day for 7 days

### Alternative

- Erythromycin base 500 mg. orally 4 times a day for 7 days OR
- Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 800 mg. orally 4 times a day for 7 days OR
- Levofloxacin 500 mg. orally once a day for 7 days OR
- Ofloxacin 300 mg. orally 2 times a day for 7 days

### Pregnant Females - Recommended

- Azithromycin 1 gram orally single dose, directly observed

### Pregnant Females – Alternative

- Amoxicillin 500 mg orally 3 times a day for 7 days
- Erythromycin base 500 mg. orally 4 times a day for 7 days OR
- Erythromycin 250 mg orally 4 times a day for 14 days OR
- Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 800 mg. orally 4 times a day for 7 days OR
- Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 400 mg. 4 times a day for 14 days

You should counsel patients to abstain during treatment, use barriers and contraception for prevention, and to rescreen in 3 – 4 months.

You are **strongly encouraged** to read the complete current CDC Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines for more detailed findings regarding screening, treatment and follow-up of chlamydia. For more information on the treatment guidelines, please visit [www.cdc.gov/std/treatment](http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment)

### Treatment of Gonorrhea

Persons treated for gonorrhea should be instructed to abstain from sexual intercourse for 7 days after single-dose therapy or until completion of a 7-day regimen.

#### Recommended for uncomplicated urogenital, anorectal, and pharyngeal gonococcal infections

- Ceftriaxone 250 mg. IM in a single dose  
PLUS
- Azithromycin 1 gram orally in a single dose

#### Alternative

- If ceftriaxone is not available:
    - Cefixime 400 mg orally in a single dose  
PLUS
    - Azithromycin 1 gram orally in a single dose
  - If cephalosporin allergy:
    - Gemifloxacin 320 mg orally in a single dose  
PLUS
    - Azithromycin 2 grams orally in a single dose
- OR
- Gentamicin 240 mg IM single dose  
PLUS
  - Azithromycin 2 grams in a single dose

#### Pharyngeal

- Ceftriaxone 250 mg. IM in a single dose  
PLUS
- Azithromycin 1 gram orally in a single dose

#### Test of cure

- Recommended for those with oropharyngeal infections who are not treated with 250mg ceftriaxone plus 1g azithromycin
- Persistence of signs/symptoms
- No longer recommended for individuals with uncomplicated urogenital or rectal infections treated with alternative regimens (e.g., cefixime)

Instructions for ordering a test of cure GC kit at SHL can be found on the website at <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/kitsquotesforms/neisseriagonorrhoeaecollectioninstruction.s.pdf> or call 319-335-4466.

Any questions pertaining to patient test of cure results should be directed to the bacteriology section at 319-335-4448.

## Gonorrhea Treatment Issues

- When a patient is diagnosed with gonorrhea, dual therapy for gonorrhea and chlamydia is required. Dual therapy slows the development of antimicrobial resistance and enhances oropharyngeal eradication. (Sathia 2007, Golden 2009)
- Suspected cephalosporin treatment failures should be cultured, and if positive:
  - Perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing
  - Consult a specialist for treatment guidance
  - Report case to CDC through state and local health departments
  - Health Department should prioritize partner notification
- The CDC website or the Iowa Department of Public Health can provide the most current information. SHL can also provide information regarding additional testing that may be needed.

You are **strongly encouraged** to read the complete current CDC Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines for more detailed findings regarding screening, treatment and follow-up of chlamydia. For more information on the treatment guidelines, please visit [www.cdc.gov/std/treatment](http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment)

## Presumptive Treatment Criteria – Expedited Partner Therapy

- Presumptive treatment occurs before test results are available when a patient presents with one or more complaints. Treatment may occur without actually testing the patient.
- Criteria for presumptive diagnosis and treatment of chlamydia or gonorrhea:
  - Males
    - History of urethral discharge
    - History and/or exam consistent with urethritis, epididymitis, or non-gonococcal urethritis
    - History of sexual partner with chlamydial infection
    - History of sexual partner with gonococcal infection
    - Symptomatic partner
    - History of partner with mucopurulent cervicitis or PID
    - Rape victim
  - Females
    - Physical exam consistent with mucopurulent cervicitis, friable cervix or positive swab test
    - Signs or symptoms of PID
    - History of sexual partner with chlamydial infection
    - History of sexual partner with gonococcal infection
    - Symptomatic partner

- History of partner with urethritis, epididymitis, or non-gonococcal urethritis
- Rape victim
  
- Expedited Partner Treatment/Therapy (EPT) is the clinical practice of treating the sex partners of patients diagnosed with chlamydia and/or gonorrhea by providing prescriptions or medications to the patient to take to his/her partner(s) without the health care provider first examining the partner(s). EPT can be accomplished in two ways. Patient-Delivered Partner Therapy (PDPT) occurs when a patient delivers the prescriptions or medications to her or his partner(s). Field-Delivered Therapy (FDT) is a practice that is similar to Directly Observed Therapy (DOT). FDT occurs when a public health professional, such as a Disease Prevention Specialist (DPS), delivers the prescription or medication to the partner(s). Providing medications is preferred to providing prescriptions as this increases the likelihood of partners receiving and taking the medications.
  
- The gold standard for interrupting the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) is to examine, test, and appropriately treat all sex partners of persons diagnosed with an STD. EPT has been demonstrated to be effective in accomplishing the last part of this standard. EPT is useful when partners are deemed unlikely to access health care themselves, and/or when a patient presents with re-infection(s). It is strongly recommended that your clinic have procedures in place for EPT.

The following is the Iowa code regarding EPT:

**139A.41 CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner who diagnoses a sexually transmitted Chlamydia or Gonorrhea infection in an individual patient may prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription oral antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners without examination of that patient's partner or partners. If the infected individual patient is unwilling or unable to deliver the medication to a sexual partner or partners, a physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner may dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide the prescription oral antibiotic drug to the department or local disease prevention investigation staff for delivery to the partner or partners.

IDPH guidelines on the use of EPT may be found on the STD Program Resources page: <http://www.idph.iowa.gov/hivstdhep/std/resources>

## State Reporting Requirements – Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

Iowa is a dual reporting state. **Both the clinician that diagnoses the infection and the laboratory that processes the specimen are required to report each event of a reportable infection to IDPH.** The following information offers guidance on how to report infections, including the timeframe in which they must be reported.

For STDs, clinicians and laboratories must report each event of infection within three days of a positive test result. Iowa code 139A.32 states that a person in charge of a public, private, or hospital clinical laboratory shall report “all specimens which *yield evidence of or are reactive for* those diseases defined as sexually transmitted diseases or infections.” The reportable STDs in Iowa are chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV.

- Chlamydia
  - Confirmed positive results on any qualitative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), nucleic acid hybridization (DNA probe) test, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA, EIA), direct fluorescent antibody test (DFA), or culture.
- Gonorrhea
  - Confirmed positive results on any qualitative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), nucleic acid hybridization (DNA probe) test, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA, EIA), bacterial culture, or Gram stain. (Gram stain is only valid as a confirmatory test on urethral specimens from symptomatic males).
- Syphilis
  - Confirmed positive results by a treponemal test (e.g. TPPA, FTA, and IgG). The non-treponemal test (e.g., RPR or VDRL), with a quantitative titer, must also be reported.
    - Only report the set of labs (RPR/VDRL + TPPA/FTA) when the TPPA/FTA is positive. You do not need to report reactive RPRs when the TPPA is negative. However, when the TPPA is positive, please report the RPR no matter whether it is reactive or not. If a TPPA/FTA is not run, then report positive RPR/VDRL by itself.

The following section of *Iowa Administrative Code 641* describes what must be included in each event reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health:

- 641 – 1.4(2) What to report.** Each report shall contain all of the following information:
- a. The patient’s name.
  - b. The patient’s address.
  - c. The patient’s date of birth.
  - d. The sex of the patient.

- e.* The race and ethnicity of the patient.
- f.* The patient's marital status.
- g.* The patient's telephone number.
- h.* The name and address of the laboratory.
- i.* The date the test was found to be positive and the collection date.
- j.* The name and address of the health care provider who performed the test
- k.* If the patient is female, whether the patient is pregnant.
- l.* The name of the reportable disease.
- m.* The treatment provided for the reportable disease (for STIs only).

Please contact the IDPH STD Program at 515-281-3031 or 515-281-4936 to obtain a copy of the most recent STD morbidity reporting form. Blank forms can be sent to you as a PDF attachment by email or by fax. Completed forms should be returned by fax to the IDPH STD Program at 515-725-1278.

There is additional information and resources regarding STDs and for further patient referrals in Appendix C.

#### **4. Post-Test and Certification**

All staff involved with the CBSS should review this manual and take the post-test included here. New staff, within 30 days of hire, should also read the manual and complete the test. A copy of the post-test is included here which you can complete and send to the CBSS Coordinator. Alternatively, the survey can be accessed and completed on Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016posttest>

A certificate of completion will be mailed to the participants when a passing score of 70% is achieved.

**Community-Based Screening Services Manual Certification**

Completing the Community-Based Screening Services post-test verifies that I have read and understand the Iowa Community-Based Screening Services Procedures Manual. I have included the post-test and I will be notified of the results. If I receive a passing score of 70% or above, I will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic City, State, and Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one:

- LPN
- RN
- MA
- CMA
- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician (MD or DO)
- Physician's Assistant
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return to:  
Colleen Bornmueller, CBSS Coordinator  
Family Planning Council of Iowa  
108 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 220  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Fax: 515-288-4048  
[cbornmueller@fpcouncil.com](mailto:cbornmueller@fpcouncil.com)

**CBSS Manual Post Test**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the correct answer for each question based on this manual. Choose only one answer per question. **You may also take this post-test online at Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016posttest>**

1. Chlamydia and gonorrhea rates are highest in adolescents and young adults between the ages of 15-24.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
2. Optimal specimen collection types when using Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAATs) are first catch urine for men and vaginal swabs for women.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
3. The State Hygienic Laboratory has validated which APTIMA Combo 2 collection kit to be used to collect oropharyngeal/rectal specimens?
  - a. Unisex (Cervical/Urethral)
  - b. Urine
  - c. Vaginal
  - d. None of the above
  
4. The CBSS Quality Assurance Plan includes what elements?
  - a. Data collection and accuracy
  - b. Monitoring rejected specimens
  - c. Facility assessments and site visits
  - d. All of the above
  
5. According to Iowa Code, minors can be tested and treated for STDs without parental/guardian consent.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
6. What must be considered first when deciding if use a CBSS test kit for specimen collection?
  - a. Insurance status and age of the patient
  - b. Sexual orientation and history of STDs
  - c. Signs and symptoms
  - d. Number of sex partners and contact to STD

7. When is rescreening a patient with a positive chlamydia test recommended?
  - a. Never, it is not necessary
  - b. 6 months following the positive test
  - c. 3 to 4 months following the positive test and treatment
  - d. As soon as you can get the patient back in
  
8. Who should be contacted to (re) order CBSS CT/GC testing supplies?
  - a. The CBSS Coordinator or Administrative Assistant at the Family Planning Council of Iowa
  - b. SHL
  - c. The state STD program
  - d. You don't need to re-order; supplies will be sent automatically
  
9. What is the only recommended treatment regimen for a diagnosed uncomplicated gonorrhea infection?
  - a. Doxycycline 100 mg. orally, 2 times a day for 7 days
  - b. Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM, single dose
  - c. Azithromycin, 1 gram orally, single dose
  - d. Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM, single dose plus Azithromycin 1 gram orally, single dose.
  
10. What is the best way to receive CT/GC test results?
  - a. Have results mailed to the clinic
  - b. Sign up for and use the SHL OpenELIS web access system
  - c. Call the lab to get the results
  - d. None of the above
  
11. If the clinic or provider is not able to contact a patient within 10 days and he or she has not returned to the clinic for treatment, who should be contacted?
  - a. The emergency room at a local hospital
  - b. Another clinician
  - c. The partner of the infected individual
  - d. The state or local sexually transmitted disease program (e.g., DPS)
  
12. Laboratories and clinicians must report each event of a sexually transmitted infection within 3 days of a positive test result.
  - a. True
  - b. False

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Gen-probe APTIMA Sensitivity/Specificity Charts
- Appendix B - Web Access Registration Forms – Registration and Paperless
- Appendix C – Additional Resources and Contact Information
- Appendix D – Oropharyngeal and Rectal Specimen Collection Instructions and Screening Recommendations

**C. trachomatis Sensitivity and Specificity****APTIMA Combo 2 Assay Specimens vs. Patient Infected Status**

Specimen	Symptoms Status	N	TP	FP	TN	FN	Sensitivity (95% C.I.)	Specificity (95% C.I.)
MS	Symp	676	190	15	464	7	96.4% (92.8-98.6)	96.9% (94.9-98.2)
	Asymp	388	70	5	309	4	94.6% (86.7-98.5)	98.4% (96.3-99.5)
	All	1065	260	20	774	11	95.9% (92.9-98.0)	97.5% (96.1-98.5)
MU	Symp	694	199	8	484	3	98.5% (95.7-99.7)	98.4% (96.8-99.3)
	Asymp	400	77	4	316	3	96.3% (89.4-99.2)	98.8% (96.8-99.7)
	All	1095	276	12	801	6	97.9% (95.4-99.2)	98.5% (97.4-99.2)
FS	Symp	819	133	22	653	11	92.4% (86.7-96.1)	96.7% (95.1-97.9)
	Asymp	569	61	6	501	1	98.4% (91.3-100)	98.8% (97.4-99.6)
	All	1389	195	28	1154	12	94.2% (90.1-97.0)	97.6% (96.6-98.4)
FU	Symp	821	136	8	668	9	93.8% (88.5-97.1)	98.8% (97.7-99.5)
	Asymp	569	60	5	502	2	96.8% (88.8-99.6)	99.0% (97.7-99.7)
	All	1391	197	13	1170	11	94.7% (90.7-97.3)	98.9% (98.1-99.4)
Total Swab	Symp	1495	323	37	1117	18	94.7% (91.8-96.8)	96.8% (95.6-97.7)
	Asymp	957	131	11	810	5	96.3% (91.6-98.8)	98.7% (97.6-99.3)
	All	2454	455	48	1928	23	95.2% (92.9-96.9)	97.6% (96.8-98.2)
Total Urine	Symp	1515	335	16	1152	12	96.5% (94.0-98.2)	98.6% (97.8-99.2)
	Asymp	969	137	9	818	5	96.5% (92.0-98.8)	98.9% (97.9-99.5)
	All	2486	473	25	1971	17	96.5% (94.5-98.0)	98.7% (98.2-99.2)

**N=Negative; TP= True Positive; FP= False Positive; TN=True Negative; FN= False Negative  
MS= male Urethral Swab; MU= Male Urine; FS= Female Endocervical Swab; FU= Female Urine**

Specimen	Symptom Status	N	TP	FP <sup>1</sup>	TN	FN	Sensitivity (95% C.I.)	Specificity (95% C.I.)
PVS	Asymp	628	60	18 <sup>a</sup>	549	1	98.4% (91.2-100)	96.8% (95.0-98.1)
	All	1423	168	32 <sup>b</sup>	1217	6	96.6% (92.6-98.7)	97.4% (96.4-98.2)
CVS	Symp	809	111	25 <sup>c</sup>	669	4	96.5% (91.3-99.0)	96.4% (94.7-97.7)
	Asymp	636	59	16 <sup>d</sup>	559	2	96.7% (88.7-99.6)	97.2% (95.5-98.4)
	All	1445	170	41 <sup>e</sup>	1228	6	96.6% (92.7-98.7)	96.8% (95.6-97.7)

**N = Negative; TP = True Positive; FP = False Positive; TN = True Negative; FN = False Negative.  
PVS = Asymptomatic Patient-Collected Vaginal Swab; CVS = Clinician-Collected Vaginal Swab.**

<sup>1</sup> CT TMA Alternate Amplification results represent # positive results/# specimens tested: a: 15/18, b: 28/32, c: 17/25, d: 15/16, and e: 32/41.

***N. gonorrhoeae Sensitivity and Specificity***

**APTIMA Combo 2 Assay Specimens vs. Patient Infected Status**

Specimen	Symptoms Status	N	TP	FP	TN	FN	Sensitivity (95% C.I.)	Specificity (95% C.I.)
MS	Symp	724	304	5	412	3	99.0% (97.2-99.8)	98.8% (97.2-99.6)
	Asymp	378	15	12	351	0	100% (78.2-100)	96.7% (94.3-98.3)
	All	1103	319	17	764	3	99.1% (97.3-99.8)	97.8% (96.5-98.7)
MU	Symp	750	311	1	433	5	98.4% (96.3-99.5)	99.8% (98.7-100)
	Asymp	383	13	2	368	0	100% (75.3-100)	99.5% (98.1-99.9)
	All	1134	324	3	802	5	98.5% (96.5-99.5)	99.6% (98.9-99.9)
FS	Symp	881	94	15	772	0	100% (96.2-100)	98.1% (96.9-98.9)
	Asymp	596	31	2	562	1	96.9% (83.8-99.9)	99.6% (98.7-99.9)
	All	1479	126	17	1335	1	99.2% (95.7-100)	98.7% (98.0-99.3)
FU	Symp	883	87	7	782	7	92.6% (85.3-97.0)	99.1% (98.2-99.6)
	Asymp	599	28	3	564	4	87.5% (71.0-96.5)	99.5% (98.5-99.9)
	All	1484	116	10	1347	11	91.3% (85.0-95.6)	99.3% (98.6-99.6)
Total Swab	Symp	1605	398	20	1184	3	99.3% (97.8-99.8)	98.3% (97.4-99.0)
	Asymp	974	46	14	913	1	97.9% (88.7-99.9)	98.5% (97.5-99.2)
	All	2582	445	34	2099	4	99.1% (97.7-99.8)	98.4% (97.8-99.2)
Total Urine	Symp	1633	398	8	1215	12	97.1% (94.9-98.5)	99.3% (98.7-99.7)
	Asymp	982	41	5	932	4	91.1% (78.8-97.5)	99.5% (98.8-99.8)
	All	2618	440	13	2149	16	96.5% (94.4-98.0)	99.4% (99.0-99.7)

**N=Negative; TP= True Positive; FP= False Positive; TN=True Negative; FN= False Negative  
MS= male Urethral Swab; MU= Male Urine; FS= Female Endocervical Swab; FU= Female Urine**

Specimen	Symptom Status	N	TP	FP <sup>1</sup>	TN	FN	Sensitivity (95% C.I.)	Specificity (95% C.I.)
PVS	Asymp	629	21	3 <sub>a</sub>	605	0	100% (83.9-100)	99.5% (98.6-99.9)
	All	1423	74	8 <sub>b</sub>	1341	0	100% (95.1-100)	99.4% (98.8-99.7)
CVS	Symp	807	51	7 <sub>c</sub>	747	2	96.2% (87.0-99.5)	99.1% (98.1-99.6)
	Asymp	637	21	4 <sub>d</sub>	611	1	95.5% (77.2-99.9)	99.3% (98.3-99.8)
	All	1444	72	11 <sub>e</sub>	1358	3	96.05 (88.8-99.2)	99.2% (98.6-99.6)

**N = Negative; TP = True Positive; FP = False Positive; TN = True Negative; FN = False Negative.  
PVS = Asymptomatic Patient-Collected Vaginal Swab; CVS = Clinician-Collected Vaginal Swab  
<sup>1</sup> GC TMA Alternate Amplification results represents # positive results/# specimens tested: a: 3/3,  
b: 8/8, c: 6/7, d: 3/4, and e: 9/11**

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### NATIONAL TELEPHONE HOTLINES AND TREATMENT LOCATORS

#### **American Social Health Association's STI Resource Center**

1-800-227-8922 or 919-361-8488

Talk to an information specialist 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday-Friday

919-361-4848

Pre-recorded telephone information messages 24/7

#### **Emergency Contraception Hotline (NOT-2-LATE)**

<http://ec.princeton.edu/>

#### **Drug and Alcohol Treatment Locator**

[www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov](http://www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov)

#### **National Domestic Violence and Abuse Hotline**

1-800-799-SAFE

#### **National Gay and Lesbian Youth Hotline**

1-800-347-TEEN

#### **National Helpline Network**

1-800-SUICIDE

### SOURCES OF STD INFORMATION TO DISTRIBUTE TO PATIENTS

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/chlamydia/>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides facts, statistics, and treatment options for patients with sexually transmitted infections.

#### **American Sexual Health Association**

<http://www.ashastd.org/>

The American Sexual Health Association (ASHA) is a trusted, non-profit organization that has advocated on behalf of patients to help improve public health outcomes since 1914.

ASHA offers high-quality patient education materials on a wide range of sexually transmitted infections.

#### **Advocates for Youth**

[www.advocatesforyouth.org](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org)

Advocates for Youth was established in 1980 as the Center for Population Options. Their goal is to help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their

reproductive and sexual health. Advocates believes it can best serve the field by boldly advocating for a more positive and realistic approach to adolescent sexual health.

### **Get Yourself Tested Campaign**

[www.gytnow.org](http://www.gytnow.org)

The GYT campaign seeks to create a social movement around getting tested for STDs. Serving as the information hub for the campaign, [www.GYTnow.org](http://www.GYTnow.org) provides facts on STDs, tips on how to bring up testing with partners and health care providers, and an easy-to-use testing center locator, provided by the CDC.

### **Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States**

[www.siecus.org](http://www.siecus.org)

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States was founded in 1964 to provide education and information about sexuality and sexual and reproductive health. SIECUS educates, advocates, and informs.

### **GENERAL STD INFORMATION AND REFERRAL TO LOCAL CLINICS FOR SERVICES**

<http://hivtest.cdc.gov/STDTesting.aspx>

### **CDC-INFO Contact Center**

1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)

TTY: 1-888-232-6348, In English & en Español

CDC-INFO is available 24/7, 365 days a year for STD information and referrals to STD clinics

## Oropharyngeal/Rectal Specimen Collection Instructions

### Rectal Swabs

- Using the APTIMA Combo 2 Unisex Swab, insert specimen collection swab (blue shaft swab in package with green printing) into the rectum approximately 4-6 cm and rotate against rectal wall several times.
- Withdraw the swab carefully; avoid fecal contamination and in case of gross contamination discard the swab and recollect.
- Remove cap from swab specimen transport tube and immediately place specimen collection swab into specimen transport tube.
- Carefully break swab shaft at score line; use care to avoid splashing contents.
- Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

### Oropharyngeal Swabs

- Using a tongue depressor, if necessary, and the APTIMA Combo 2 Unisex Swab, insert specimen collection swab (blue shaft swab in package with green printing) into the pharynx and rotate against any inflammation and around the tonsillar area.
- Have the patient say “ah” for access to the pharynx and avoid touching the tongue, teeth, cheeks, etc. with the swab.
- Withdraw the swab carefully, again avoiding touching anything in the oral cavity.
- Remove cap from swab specimen transport tube and immediately place specimen collection swab into specimen transport tube.
- Carefully break swab shaft at score line; use care to avoid splashing contents.
- Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

For testing recommendations, see the next page.

### Testing Recommendations with Rectal/Oropharyngeal Specimens

A sexual history of the patient must be taken in order to assess risk and determine the appropriateness of testing. **Please note: Oropharyngeal and rectal tests are subject to the same screening criteria established for urogenital specimens. Please see the screening criteria and flow chart (page 9) first, in order to determine whether a patient is eligible for use of a CBSS test kit.**

Testing rectal specimens for gonorrhea and chlamydia is recommended when:

- The patient (male or female) and has had receptive anal intercourse with a male within the past year, regardless of condom use.

Early studies recommended against testing women for chlamydia and gonorrhea at the anorectal site. Data showed that women who tested positive at the anorectal site also tested positive at urogenital sites, making anorectal testing unnecessary. Newer studies show that a significant proportion of women will test positive only at the anorectal site, meaning that some infections will be missed if women with anorectal exposure are only tested at urogenital sites. Therefore, the CBSS program recommends including questions regarding anorectal exposure be included in taking a sexual history with women and if found to be at risk, testing for anorectal chlamydia and gonorrhea be conducted.

Testing oropharyngeal specimens for gonorrhea and chlamydia is recommended when:

- The patient (male or female) has performed oral intercourse within the past year.