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<b>C. trachomatis &amp; N. gonorrhoeae PCR Testing (non-GUM)</b>			

**Send to: REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY, Kelvin Building, Royal Group of Hospitals Trust, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA. Direct Tel 028 96 151777 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri) **AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY****

Male/Female	Surname	Forename	D.O.B.
Address  _____  _____		H&C No.	
		Hospital  _____	
		Ward/Clinic/Source Code _____	
		Consultant <b>AND</b> HCP Code  _____	
Postcode  _____		Or GP cypher / practice / GP name  _____	
		Or other source _____	

**Male Urine\*** - collect using 'cobas PCR Urine Sample Kit'.....{CTGCU}

- Prior to sampling, patient should not urinate for at least 1 hour and female patients should not cleanse labial area.
- Patient should collect first-catch urine (10 to 50mL of initial urine stream) in urine collection cup.
- Immediately transfer urine into 'cobas PCR Media' tube using disposable pipette.
- Correct volume of urine has been added when fluid level is between two black 'Urine Fill Lines' on tube.
- Tightly re-cap 'cobas PCR Media' tube and **invert 5 times** to mix contents.

**Endocervical Swab** – collect using 'cobas PCR Female Swab Sample Kit'.....{GUM}

- Using one swab, remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa, discard swab.
- Insert other swab into endocervical canal and gently rotate swab 5 times in one direction.
- Place swab in 'cobas PCR Media' tube, break off and discard top part of swab shaft.
- Tightly re-cap 'cobas PCR Media' tube.

**Vaginal Swab** - collect using 'cobas PCR Female Swab Sample Kit'..... {GUM}

- Insert one swab 5cm into vaginal opening and gently turn swab for 30 seconds while rubbing swab against wall of vagina.
- Place swab in 'cobas PCR Media' tube, break off and discard top part of swab shaft.
- Tightly re-cap 'cobas PCR Media' tube.

**N.B.** Do not pre-wet swabs with 'cobas PCR Media' before obtaining an endocervical or vaginal swab specimen. It is only necessary to send one specimen per patient. Transport specimen to Regional Virus Laboratory at 2°C to 30°C.

\*Urine not recommended from female patients due to lower sensitivity ([UK Chlamydia Guidelines 2015.pdf](#) ([bashhguidelines.org](#)))

<p><b>Specimen type:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Urine (Male samples only) <input type="checkbox"/> Endocervical swab <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal swab	<p><b>Specimen date &amp; time:</b></p>  
<p><b>Signature:</b></p>	<p><b>Lab Use:</b></p>

- Specimens should be packaged as per the laboratory user manual. Ensure specimen container lids are well secured to prevent leakage in transit.
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