

HOTLINE: Effective May 18, 2020

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*Chlamydia trachomatis* by Transcription-Mediated Amplification (TMA)

CTAMD

**Specimen Required:** Patient Prep: **MultiTest Swab or ThinPrep Collection:** Patient must be 14 years of age or older.

Collect: Vaginal, throat, or rectal specimen collected with pink swab from Aptima MultiTest Swab Specimen Collection kit (ARUP supply #55224 PK/50 or #55229 PK/10) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787.

**Also acceptable:** Cervical, eye, or male urethral specimen collected with blue swab from Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection kit (ARUP supply #28907 PK/50 or #54555 PK/10), first catch urine in sterile container or cervical brush in ThinPrep Pap test collection kit. Refer to "Sample Collection for the Diagnosis of STD" under Specimen Handling at [www.aruplab.com](http://www.aruplab.com) for specific specimen collection and transport instructions.

Specimen Preparation: **Swab:** Place swab in Swab Specimen Transport Tube, break shaft off at scoreline then recap tube.

**Urine:** Transfer 2 mL urine within 24 hours to Aptima Urine Specimen Transport Tube (ARUP supply #28908 PK/50 or #54556 PK/10). Liquid level must be between fill lines on tube.

**ThinPrep:** Vortex ThinPrep PreservCyt solution and transfer 1 mL to an Aptima Specimen Transfer Tube (ARUP supply #42711) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787. To reduce the potential for contamination, ThinPrep specimens should be poured off, using sterile technique, into the Aptima Specimen Transfer Tube prior to Cytology Testing.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks: **Specimen source is required.**

Unacceptable Conditions: Large white swab included in Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection kit is for preparatory cleaning of the endocervix and is unacceptable for testing. Specimens in any transport media other than indicated above. Specimens in swab transport media without a swab.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **MultiTest or Unisex Swab:** Ambient: 2 months; Refrigerated: 2 months; Frozen: 1 year

**Aptima Urine Specimen Transport Tube:** Ambient: 1 month; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: 3 months

**Aptima Specimen Transfer Tube:** Ambient: 2 weeks; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: 1 year

**ThinPrep:** Ambient: 1 month; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: Unacceptable