

Laboratory Medicine - Test Information Guide

Chlamydia trachomatis Culture

Alternate Name:

Department: Microbiology

STAT Test Available: N

TAT (Days):

Specimen Type: MultiTrans Media

Collection Information & Patient Prep:

- Cultures performed for test-of- cure or alleged/suspected sexual assault. Do not use expired medium or medium which has turned yellow or purple or which appears to contain particulate matter.
- Procedure:
 1. Reasonable vigorous swabbing is necessary to collect cellular material, since viable organisms are usually intracellular.
 2. For cervical specimens, discharge should be wiped away before collecting the sample. The discharge is unlikely to contain viable organisms and may be toxic to the culture. The squamo-columnar epithelial junction is the area of the female genital tract most likely to yield the agent.

Methodology:

Requisition: PHL

Critical Result Ranges:

Testing Referred To: PHL

Sample Volume:

Unit of Measure:

Image:

Reference Ranges: