

Specimen Types:

- › Genital, oral, rectal, eyes
- › For body fluid specimens follow routine collection procedures, then include in requisition that Neisseria is suspected and transport to laboratory immediately.

Unacceptable Specimens:

- › Swab specimens other than *BBL CultureSwab Plus*.

Materials Needed:

- › *BBL CultureSwab Plus* (orange cap with black medium).
- › Obtain from [North Memorial Health Laboratory](#).

Specimen Collection:

1. Follow instructions for type of specimen to be collected:
 - a. **Cervix (endocervix) Specimens** - Patient is placed in the lithotomy position. A speculum without lubricant is inserted and the cervix is visualized. Excess mucus is removed with a cotton ball. Then the collection swab is inserted in the distal portion of the cervix, is gently rotated and allowed to remain for 10 to 30 seconds.
 - b. **Urethral Specimens** – Insert the mini-tipped swab of the CultureSwab Plus a short distance (2 cm) into the urethra and gently rotate. Specimens should be collected at least an hour after urination.
 - c. **Rectal** – Insert swab into the anal canal just beyond the anal sphincter. Allow time (10 – 30 seconds) for the absorption of organisms onto the swab before removing.
 - d. **Throat** – Swab tonsillar regions and posterior pharynx.
 - e. **Eye** – Collect conjunctival exudate with swab.
2. **When CultureSwab Plus is used**, collect sample then place swab in transport medium.
3. Label all specimens.
4. Transport all specimens to the laboratory immediately. For off-site collection send *CultureSwab Plus* as soon as possible. **Keep at room temperature** until transported.