

Procedure Name: VHSD Patient Instructions – Collection of PCR specimens
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Patient Instruction sheet for the collection samples for CHLAMYDIA and GONORRHOEA PCR

Collection

1. The patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.
2. Collect the urine in a sterile collection container.
3. The patient should collect the first 15-60 ml of voided urine (the first part of the stream – not the midstream) into a urine collection container.
4. Cap and label the urine collection container with
 - patient identification and date of birth
 - date/time collected
5. If a patient /doctor sends in an MSU sample this will also be accepted and tested.
(No “To follow” specimens are required).

Storage and Transport of Urines

1. Store and transport urine from the collection site to the test site at 2-30 deg C.
2. Sample processing must be tested within 7 days of collection if stored at 2-8 deg C

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION
