

Title	Neisseria gonorrhoeae isolate
Specimen Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specimen type: Pure viable culture on appropriate agar medium (chocolate/GC agar/Thayer-Martin) slant. 2. One isolate per patient. 3. Temperature requirement: Ambient conditions
Sampling Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sample Container: Appropriate agar medium slant in tube (chocolate/GC Thayer-Martin medium) with screw-cap tightened or other similarly approved commercial transport medium. 2. Shipping boxes/containers with appropriate shipping labels, commercially available.
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be sure to properly label the culture tube with the patient's name and date of isolation. 2. Check the expiration date on the tube to ensure the product is acceptable and will continue to be acceptable once received at the ISDH laboratory. 3. Category B UN3373, Triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for infectious agents. 4. Complete a Reference Bacteriology Culture Identification request form for each specimen with the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patient name, address, age, gender, onset, physician name, and diagnosis. b. Culture isolation source, date isolated, date submitted, organism suspected. c. Submitting facility information-clinic name, address, phone number, fax number, contact name, and email address (if available). d. Relevant comments which may include patient history or travel history. 5. Handle as an infectious agent Biosafety level 2. Take care to prevent transfer of the organism to conjunctiva. 6. Contact ISDH Epidemiology SID 317-233-7005 if needed. 7. In the event of a suspected Sexual Abuse issue, please ensure that the culture is submitted utilizing a chain of custody procedure. 8. Submitter eligibility: For Sexual abuse cases, contact ISDH STD 317-233-7005.
Shipping Instructions	<p>Ship To: Indiana State Department of Health Laboratories 550 West 16th Street Indianapolis, IN. 46202</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Package according to Category B UN3373 triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for infectious substances/diagnostic specimens. 2. Tighten the specimen container tube caps. 3. Label clearly on each specimen tube with the patient name and isolation date. 4. Wrap each labeled, primary/specimen container tube with absorbent material. Place each primary container tube with absorbent material into the inner mailing container and tighten the cap securely. 5. The completed submission/request form may then be wrapped around the sealed inner container and together placed securely into the outer shipping container. 6. Clearly label the outer container with the senders name/address and recipients name/address. 7. Do not send culture isolates on petri plates if submitting by mail. 8. Transport Temperature: Ambient conditions.
Reporting and TAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting Method: Fax, phone, email, or Mail. 2. TAT: 3-16 business days. 3. Test Referral. Isolates may be forwarded to the CDC for additional testing.