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Performing Location(s)

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Storage Requirements

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Varies - Swab	Refrigerated (preferred)	60 days
	Frozen -20° to -70° C	12 months
	Ambient	60 days
Urine	Refrigerated (preferred)	30 days
	Frozen -20° to -70° C	12 months
	Ambient	30 days
PreservCyt Solution	Refrigerated (preferred)	30 days
(PAP)	Frozen -20° to -70° C	12 months
	Ambient	14 days

Required Specimen

<u>Swab</u> specimen must be clinician-collected using an Aptima Collection Unisex Swab (blue) or PreservCyt Liquid PAP transfer to Aptima Specimen Transfer Kit

Specimen Type:

Cervix/Endocervix/Vaginal, Urethral (Physician Collected) Swab: Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit (Blue)

Urine: Urine submitted in Aptima Urine Specimen Collection Kit (Yellow).

After collection, transfer into Urine Specimen Transport Tube within 24hrs

After urine has been added, the liquid level in the urine transport tube must fall between the two black indicator lines on the tube label.

ThinPrep Pap Test vials containing PreservCyt Solution transfer 1 ml to Aptima Specimen Transfer Kit Specimen Type: Cervical (endocervical or ectocervical) within 30 days of collection (Room Temperature storage of ThinPrep vials in Pathology Department).

Cervical, Vaginal, Throat, Rectal Aptima Multi-test Swab Specimen Collection Kit (Orange).

Causes for Rejection

For all specimen types:

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen will be rejected

Sources other than Vaginal, Cervical, Endocervical, Urine, Urethral, Throat or Rectal Adolescents < 14 years of age

Transport tubes containing a cleaning swab (white) or more than 1 swab (blue and white) Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

< 1ml liquid in vial

Non Aptima transport tube Non PreservCyt Liquid PAP transport solution No swab submitted in Aptima Collection Unisex Swab vial Urine > 24 hours not in Aptima urine vial

After urine has been added, the liquid level in the urine transport tube must fall between the two black indicator lines on the tube label. Otherwise, the specimen will be rejected.

Reference Values

Test	Value
Chlamydia	Negative
Gonorrhea	Negative

Available STAT

No

Methodology

Transcription mediated Amplification Nucleic Acid Amplification

CPT Code

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