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## GENITAL CULTURES

### SPECIMEN

Organisms that cause purulent vaginal / urethral discharge can routinely be cultured using the Culture Swab. In cases that Haemophilus ducreyi is suspected, please call the laboratory in advance. Specimens are collected according to established procedure, removing excessive exudate and sampling the discharge. For Neisseria gonorrhoea cultures on patients within the hospital or in adjoining offices, a GC collection set is available to inoculate media at bedside. All specimens are labeled with the patient name, date of birth & source.

### STORAGE & DELIVERY

Routine genital cultures and Group B strep screens: Collected on a swab, maintained at room temperature and delivered to the lab within 2 hours of collection.

GC Cultures: collected at bedside, maintained at room temperature and delivered to the lab within 15 minutes of collection.

### Reference:

Bailey & Scott's Diagnostic Microbiology, 11th Ed., B.A. Forbes, D.F.Sahm, A.S. Weissfeld