

***Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by Nucleic-Acid Amplification  
#110302**

***Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by Nucleic-Acid  
Amplification  
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#110002**

**SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS:** Mayo Medical Laboratories New England is now able to accept ThinPrep (also called PreservCyt) aliquots for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* testing.

**ThinPrep Specimen (Endocervix, Females Only)**

1. Collect endocervical specimen with ThinPrep (also called PreservCyt) collection kit.
2. Aliquot ThinPrep specimen for *Chlamydia* and/or *Neisseria* testing (steps 3-4) before processing for Pap smear. For each specimen, use a new pair of clean gloves.
3. Vortex ThinPrep/PreservCyt vial 3 to 10 seconds. Within 1 minute of vortexing:
  - a. Transfer 1 mL of specimen into the APTIMA Specimen Transfer tube (MML Supply #T652) using a disposable transfer pipette or a pipette tip containing a filter (aerosol barrier or hydrophobic plug).  
Note: Process only one ThinPrep and transfer tube set at a time.
  - b. Recap APTIMA Specimen Transfer Tube tightly and gently invert 3 times to mix.
4. Label APTIMA transfer tube with appropriate label for one of the following tests:  
110302 (NE/GCRNA) *N. gonorrhoeae* Amplified RNA  
110303 (NE/CGRNA) *Chlamydia trachomatis*/*N. gonorrhoeae* Amplified RNA  
110002 (NE/CTRNA) *Chlamydia trachomatis* Amplified RNA
5. Ship Aptima transfer tube(s) at refrigerate temperature.
6. Use remainder of ThinPrep specimen for Pap testing, if indicated.
7. Work surfaces should be regularly decontaminated with a 0.5% sodium hypochlorite solution, and any spills may be cleaned with the same solution.

**NOTES:**

- A. Specimen must be in Aptima media and must be aliquoted before ThinPrep testing is performed. If specimen is not aliquoted into the Aptima transfer tube, and only a ThinPrep specimen is sent, testing will be canceled and an alternative specimen will need to be collected and submitted for *Chlamydia* and/or *Neisseria* testing.
- B. Specimens collected into a SurePath device are not acceptable.

For details on the procedure, please refer to the latest version of the product insert for the APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit (cat. # 1154) at this website:

[www.gen-probe.com/package\\_msds/](http://www.gen-probe.com/package_msds/)

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