



## URETHRAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

### **Bacterial Culture:**

#### *Female:*

Remove exudates.

Collect discharge by massaging urethra against pubic symphysis or insert swab 2-4cm into urethra and rotating for 2 seconds.

#### *Male:*

Insert flexible swab into urethra 2-4 cm and rotate for 2 seconds.

### **Chlamydia/N. Gonorrhoeae DNA Testing:**

1. Obtain transport tube.
2. Patient should not have urinated for at least 2 hours prior to sampling.
3. Insert small sterile swab 2-4 cm into urethra. Rotate for 3-5 seconds and withdraw.

### **Viral Culture:**

1. Obtain viral transport media.
2. If lesions are present, swab vigorously.
3. If lesions are not present:
  - a. Swab the endocervix with sufficient force to obtain epithelial cells.
  - b. Inoculate transport media.