



# How To Collect a Male Urethral Specimen



**PRODUCT:** Calcium alginate fiber is used in urethro-genital swabs. Unlike cotton fibers, it contains no fatty acid which may be inhibitory to many strains of gonorrhea. The thin, flexible aluminum shaft inserts readily into the urethra with minimal patient discomfort. *Note: The swab pictured above (#25-800 A 50) is a traditional swab style for this collection method. Swab choice should be followed by individual test kit package insert recommendations.*

*This specimen collection guide is for:*

- **Chlamydia trachomatis (CT)**
- **Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC)**
- **Other bacterial and viral infections**

## SUGGESTED PURITAN SWABS FOR MALE URETHRAL SAMPLE COLLECTION

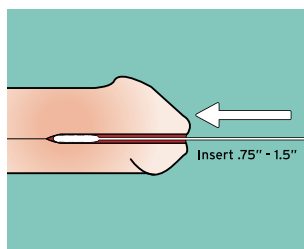
Calcium Alginate	25-800 A 50
Polyester	25-800 1PD ALUM 50, 25-1000 1PD
Flock	25-3317-H/U

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Patient should **not** have urinated for at least one (1) hour prior to specimen collection. Before beginning sample collection, carefully read and review the steps outlined below.

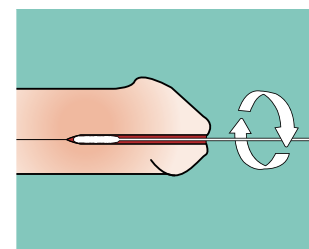
### STEP 1

Insert swab approximately 2 cm to 4 cm (0.75" to 1.5") into the urethral lumen.



### STEP 2

Gently rotate the swab in one direction for 2 to 3 seconds to ensure adequate sample absorption. Carefully withdraw the swab.



### STEP 3

Transfer the swab into the transport medium of choice. Care should be taken to avoid swab contamination while transferring swab into the transport medium.

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