

Guidelines for Gen-Probe Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Specimen Submission

Gen-Probe Aptima specimen collection kits **are not** interchangeable.

Swabs:

For **Endocervical** (Female), **Urethral** (Male), throat and rectal specimens, ONLY the Gen-Probe Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit (**Blue Swab** and White labeled tube with **Purple print**) should be used.



For clinician or patient collected **Vaginal** specimens ONLY the Gen-Probe Aptima Vaginal Swab Collection Kit or Multi-test kit (**Pink swab** and **Orange** labeled tube) should be used.



These are the only swabs that should be submitted and are accepted. **Do NOT** use the cleaning swab (White swab) to collect sample and insert into the collection tube, this will be an **unsatisfactory** sample and will be rejected.



Urine:

Add sufficient urine (2 ml) to the Gen-Probe Aptima Urine Collection tube (**Yellow** label) so that the final sample level is between the black fill lines on the tube. If the fill volume is not correct, either over or under filled, it will be an **unsatisfactory** sample and will be rejected.



Bar code on Sample Tube:

The bar code label must be placed correctly on the sample tube so that the instrument that runs the sample scans/identifies the sample correctly. The bar code label must be centered vertically on the sample tube (approximately ½” space between the bottom of the sample tube cap and the top of the label and ½” space between the bottom of the label and the bottom the sample tube).

- Do NOT apply the label horizontally.
- Do NOT cover the black indicator lines or the fill volume window on the urine sample tube.
- Do NOT cover the sample tube’s lot number and expiration date.
- Do NOT wrap the sample tube cap with paraffin wrap or scotch tape.

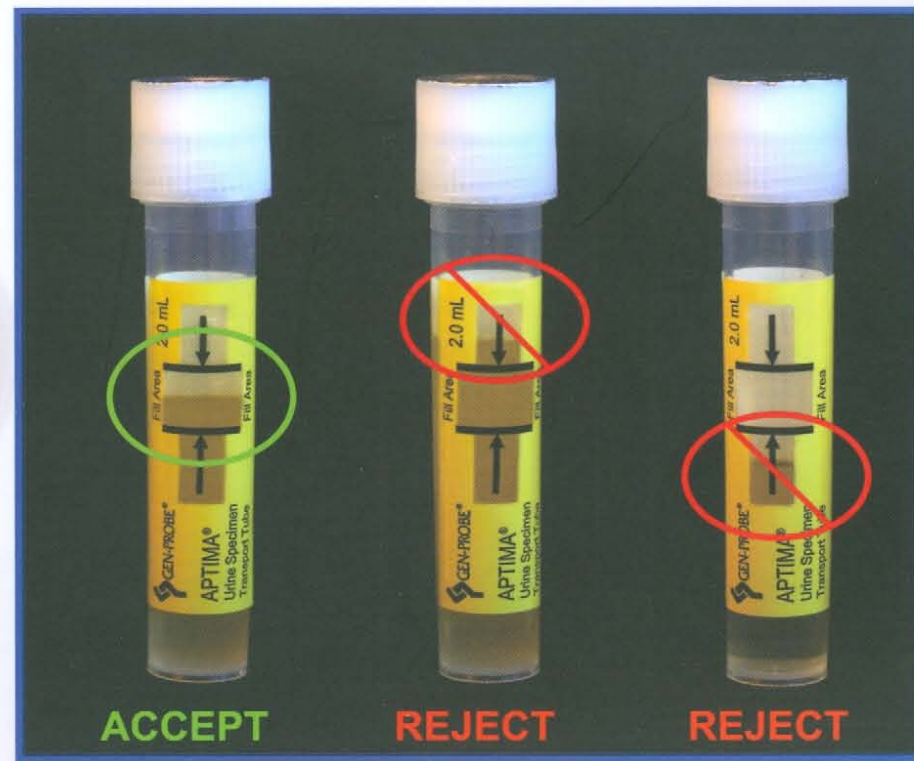
Please see the illustrations below for proper barcode labeling.





Check the Transport Tubes before Loading the Sample Racks

Visually inspect the tubes to ensure correct fill volume...
Over-Filled = **REJECT**
Under-Filled = **REJECT**



**THE BAR CODE LABEL MUST BE PLACED CORRECTLY.
THIS ALLOWS FOR ACCURATE SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION.**

1/4" or less
clear space



**CORRECT
PLACEMENT**

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clear space



**DO NOT
WRAP
AROUND**

**DO NOT
PUT
DIAGONALLY**

**DO NOT PUT
CLOSE TO
THE BOTTOM**

**DO NOT PUT
CLOSE TO
THE TOP**