

# AST / DGI Lab Request

Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services  
Public Health Division – CARGOS Laboratory  
1100 E Wendover Ave.  
Greensboro, 27405  
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## SPECIMEN COLLECTION SITE INFORMATION (Where the request for testing is coming from)

Institution name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIMEN INFORMATION

Is this a suspected disseminated gonococcal infection (DGI)? (Circle One)    Yes    No

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                                      First                                      Middle                                      Suffix

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ NC EDDSS ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Specimen(s) collection date: \_\_\_\_\_ Collection time: \_\_\_\_\_

Specimen Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Self-collected (circle one)    Yes    No

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*If more than one specimen is being sent, it is **IMPERATIVE** that each specimen be labeled with the specimen type along with the other required information.*

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Alert Guilford County's CARGOS Lab at 336-641-6823 (or contact Guilford County's Main lab at 336-641-6602) that you are sending a specimen for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST).
- Provide shipping provider's name, the specimen's tracking number and estimated time shipment should arrive. Do NOT send any specimens on Fridays, over the weekend, or the day before a state holiday. Specimens must arrive at Guilford County, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Isolates can be sent ambient on Chocolate slants or on GC selective media such as GC-Lect, MTM agar or Chocolate II plates. InTrays and Jembec collection systems are also acceptable. Tubes/media must be sealed with tape and placed in a leak-proof container before shipping to help preserve organism viability. If there is a question if the specimen(s) will reach Guilford County within 48 hours of plating, the isolates can be sent frozen, using dry ice, in trypticase soy broth (TSB) with 20% glycerol. If you need assistance in obtaining supplies or getting the specimen to Guilford County, contact the CARGOS lab.
- Isolates must be fresh growth (24 to 48 hours old). If culture plates are greater than 48 hours old, they must be sub cultured, incubated, and sent once fresh growth is present.
- All specimens must be labeled with patient's name, date of birth and the specimen source.
- Sample must be accompanied by a Guilford County AST Lab Request.
- Information on label must match information on the AST Lab Request Form.
- Provide as much information as possible when completing the form. It is critical that a contact name and number be provided so that results can be communicated in a timely manner.
- If the specimen(s) are suspected disseminated gonococcal infections (DGI), this must be indicated on the form where indicated.
- Shipping Address:

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