



AST / DGI Lab Request

Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Division – SURRG Laboratory
1100 E Wendover Ave, Greensboro, NC 27405
336.641.6823 (p) | 336.641.4884 (f)

SPECIMEN COLLECTION SITE INFORMATION (Organization where sample was originally collected)

Institution name: _____

Street name: _____

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

Birth Date: _____ Race: _____ Ethnicity: _____ Gender: _____

Local Patient ID: _____ NC EDSS 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 the specimen source be indicated on each specimen that is submitted

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Instructions for shipping DGI specimens to the Guilford County DHHS SURRG Lab For *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST)

1. Alert Guilford County's SURRG Lab at 336-641-6823 (if unable to reach anyone in the SURRG lab, contact Guilford County's Main lab at 336-641-6602) that you are sending a specimen for 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 – Friday during their operational hours of 8am and 5pm.
2. 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.
3. Isolates must be fresh growth (24 to 48 hours old). If culture plates are >48 hours old, they must be subcultured, incubated, and sent once fresh growth is present.
4. All specimens must be labeled with patient's name, date of birth and the specimen source.
5. 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.
6. If the specimen(s) are suspected disseminated gonococcal infections (DGI), this must be indicated on the form where indicated.
7. Guilford's Shipping Address is:
Guilford County DHHS – Public Health
Attention: SURRG Lab
1100 E Wendover Avenue
Greensboro, North Carolina 27405
Telephone: 336.641.6823 or 336.641.6602
8. Submitters should maintain an additional culture in the event the isolate does not survive shipment.