


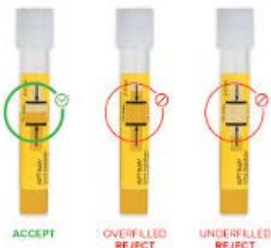








Appropriate and Inappropriate samples for Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea NAAT testing at the Bristol Infection Sciences Laboratory

<p>Urine samples</p> 	<p>Endocervical swabs</p> 	<p>Multi-test swab</p> 
<p>Volume of sample must be correct</p> <p>Fill the container so that the liquid is between the two lines.</p>  <p>Samples showing above or below this will be rejected.</p>	<p>Collection kit contains two swabs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. White – cleaning swab 2. Blue – sample swab   <p>Sample containers received with the white swab will be rejected.</p>	<p>Collection Swab has a marked break point.</p> <p>Place swab into tube once sample taken Break off before attaching lid.</p>   <p>Samples received without the swab cleanly snapped will be rejected.</p> 






Please note in addition to the sample type specific information above the following will also affect the validity of the sample for testing.

Acceptance criteria 	Issue	Rejection criteria 
In date sample containers	Collection tubes have expiry dates – ensure sample container is within date prior to use	Sample out of date
Container fluid	Collection tubes contain liquid – Do not remove this	No fluid in sample container received
Swab direction	Swabs must be placed flocked end into the liquid	Swab inverted in collection tube
Sample lid seal	Silver seal on cap must be intact and not damaged	Damaged/pierced silver seal

Unsuitable sample containers

There are a significant number of different types of sample collection and transport containers available but samples collected in them cannot be tested on the Hologic Aptima system. Only specific collection tubes supplied for the Hologic Aptima system can be accepted by the laboratory for testing.

Below are some examples of different types of collection containers and swabs which are not suitable for Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea NAAT testing in the Bristol Infection Sciences Laboratory

<p>General use sterile sample pots</p> 	<p>Faecal sample collection pots</p> 	<p>Urine sample collection containers containing Boric acid</p> 
<p>Swabs</p> 	<p>Viral swabs</p> 	<p>Bacterial culture swabs</p> 