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## Test Order

### *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* AST (Etest)

Synonym(s)	Gonorrhea AST, Etest
Methodology	Culture, MALDI-TOF, Etest (Cefixime and ceftriaxone. Azithromycin and ciprofloxacin AST testing by request only).
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	Urethral, rectal, cervical, vaginal, or pharyngeal specimens swabbed onto Modified Thayer-Martin
Transport / Collection Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modified Thayer-Martin</li><li>pure culture on Chocolate agar slant</li><li>pure culture frozen in Trypticase Soy Broth (TSB) w/15-20% glycerol.</li></ul>
Storage and Preservation of Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Immediately incubate at 5% CO<sub>2</sub> conditions, 35-37°C. Transport 24-hour old culture at ambient temperature unless sending a frozen specimen.</li><li>For frozen specimens shipped in TSB w/15-20% glycerol: Ship specimens on dry ice in compliance with DoT and IATA regulations governing Biological Substances, Category B (UN 3373) Monday - Thursday. Specimen can also be sent via courier Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.</li></ul>
Minimum Volume Required	N/A
Additional Collection Instructions	N/A
Additional Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collection date</li><li>Clearly marked specimen source</li><li>Patient's name and date of birth</li></ul>
Send Out?	No
Turnaround Time	7 business days (M-F)
Testing Restrictions	Cefixime and ceftriaxone; azithromycin and ciprofloxacin by request only (please specify on requisition form if you would like azithromycin and/or ciprofloxacin AST testing)
Requisition Form(s)	<a href="https://www.sfcddcp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Lab-Requisition-Form-Updated-10.17.2023.pdf">https://www.sfcddcp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Lab-Requisition-Form-Updated-10.17.2023.pdf</a>
Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers	N/A

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