Culture, Genital Tract, Male (Urethral)

**Method:** Culture

**CPT Code:** 87070

**Preferred Specimen:** Swab, urethral

*Source:* Urethral

**Other Acceptable Specimens:** None

**Specimen Container:** Culture collection swab

**Specimen Identification:** Label transport tube with patient’s first and last name, DOB and date/time of collection.

**Special Instructions:**
- Indicate specific specimen source on requisition slip.
- Include any pertinent patient medical history and indicate the suspected diagnosis.

**Shipping Requirements:**
- Store and ship at room temperature.
- **DO NOT REFRIGERATE**
- Samples collected with a swab must be transported to the lab the same day as collected.

**Sample Rejection Criteria:**
- Inappropriate specimen transport
- Expired transport medium
- Leaking transport container
- Mislabeled specimen
- Unlabeled specimen
- Specimen > 72 hours old

**Turn-around-time:** 72 hours