

**MEMORANDUM NOTE DE SERVICE**

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**SUBJECT: Test of cure for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea**

**Test of cure by culture is recommended for all cases of pharyngeal gonorrhea, suspected rectal/ pharyngeal treatment failures, if first line treatment was not used, as well as for chlamydia and gonorrhea infections during pregnancy.**

**Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Test of Cure (TOC)**

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|  | Chlamydia | Gonorrhea |
| Optimal specimen for TOC | Chlamydia culture is performed using a viral medium.  Culture should be performed at **1 - 2 weeks** post-treatment. | Gonorrhea culture is performed using the Neisseria gonorrhoeae culture charcoal kits. Culture should be performed at **3-7 days post**-treatment. *(Please note that this may not be an option in some remote areas due to transit/transport concerns).* |
| Alternative for TOC | If culture is not available, test of cure by NAAT will be accepted.  \*NAAT for TOC should be performed  **≥ 3 to 4 weeks** post-treatment\*  **Urine NAAT Cervical NAAT** | If culture is not available, test of cure by NAAT will be accepted.  \*NAAT for TOC should be performed **≥ 2-3 weeks** post-treatment\*  **Urine NAAT Cervical NAAT** |

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Practice Team.

Thank You.

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Resources

**Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infection.** Management and treatment of specific infections – Chlamydial Infections. Retrieved from <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/infectious-diseases/sexual-health-sexually-transmitted-infections/canadian-guidelines/sexually-transmitted-infections/canadian-guidelines-sexually-transmitted-infections-30.html>.

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