



Sonora Quest
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Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Molecular Amplification Testing

Sonora Quest Laboratories now offers new molecular amplification based technology for the detection of chlamydia and gonorrhea. A simple urine sample may be all your doctor will need to effectively screen for the presence of these infections.

Testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea has been available by more conventional means for many years. Let us tell you why the testing we offer at Sonora Quest Laboratories makes us your physician's laboratory choice.

◆What are chlamydia and gonorrhea?

The two most common sexually transmitted diseases in the United States. Combined, they account for over 5 million sexually transmitted diseases annually.

◆What are the possible complications of being infected by chlamydia and gonorrhea?

Chlamydia and gonorrhea infections may lead to urethritis or epididymitis in males. They may lead to pelvic inflammatory disease or uterus infections in females.

Untreated infections may progress and cause sterility in both male and female populations. Chlamydia and gonorrhea can also produce congenital infections such as pneumonia, eye infections, and other systemic disease in newborns during birth.

◆If I feel fine, should I still get tested?

It is recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that all sexually active individuals be screened for chlamydia and gonorrhea. That way any problems can be caught and treated before complications arise. In some instances, these organisms may be present and transmitted without any patient symptoms.

◆What is the benefit of molecular testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea?

Molecular amplification technology is more sensitive than traditional testing, thereby reducing the chance of disease progression to a more serious stage. This new test can also be performed on urine as an alternative to more invasive endocervical or urethral swabs.

◆Is there proof that molecular testing is better?

Molecular amplification has been accepted by health care professionals as more sensitive than conventional testing. Numerous medical studies have confirmed this fact.

◆Will my insurance pay for molecular amplification technology?

Sonora Quest Laboratories has contracted with most insurance plans in Arizona to provide coverage for this test. As always, the best thing to do is check with your insurer to make sure.

◆Why does my doctor choose Sonora Quest Laboratories?

Your doctor counts on Sonora Quest Laboratories because we offer the most reliable laboratory testing available. Sonora Quest Laboratories focuses exclusively on being the very best medical laboratory in Arizona. With rigorous attention to training, supervision, and quality control, our approximately 1,600 dedicated employees perform over 30,000 diagnostic tests per day. Each and every one of these tests is given the same personal care and attention we have built our reputation on, for the very finest in precision and accuracy.

◆Who is Sonora Quest Laboratories?

Sonora Quest Laboratories is a leader in clinical laboratory testing. We offer both diagnostic tests and tests used for screening purposes. Sonora Quest Laboratories is equipped with advanced technology and information processing systems that provide accurate and timely results.

Sonora Quest Laboratories is dedicated to improving the quality of care of our patients by being the best provider of comprehensive and innovative laboratory testing, medical information and insights. We hope this brochure helps you understand the importance of chlamydia and gonorrhea testing.

