

Instructions for shipping Disseminated Gonorrhoea Infection (DGI) Isolates to CDC

1. Please alert Laura Quilter (lquilter@cdc.gov) and Brian Raphael (braphael@cdc.gov) that you have an isolate available from a DGI case.
2. Please send the isolate frozen in trypticase soy broth (TSB) with 20% glycerol.
3. Please include the sample submission form found here: (<https://www.cdc.gov/laboratory/specimen-submission/form.html>). The test order is CDC-10102 (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Susceptibility Testing).
4. The shipping address for our lab is:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
RDSB/STAT
Unit 31
1600 Clifton Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30333
Telephone: 404.639.4292
5. Isolates should not be sent on Friday or the day before a federal holiday. We also request that a tracking number be sent to (braphael@cdc.gov) to expedite the delivery of the shipment to our laboratory for processing.

Note: Although an official final report will be generated for antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) results, genome sequencing is not a currently validated test for clinical isolates. Therefore, we will use a protocol to delink the isolate and personally-identifiable information. Minimal associated data (such as state, specimen type, date of collection, etc.) will be retained. As part of this delinking process, we will send an agreement requesting that the submitter will not share any key to the personally-identifiable information. The genome sequencing data will be used to look for various genetic markers and to understand genetic relationships with other isolates recovered from DGI cases.