



### Considerations:

- Consider testing for oral GC/CT in at-risk populations.
- Testing for Group A streptococcal (GAS) pharyngitis is NOT recommended for acute pharyngitis with clinical features that strongly suggest viral etiology.
- Routine use of back-up cultures for those with a negative rapid test is not needed for adults; there is a low incidence of GAS in adults and risk of subsequent acute rheumatic fever is exceptionally low.
- It is NOT recommended to test for GAS in patients under the age of 3; the risk of rheumatic fever in this age group is exceptionally low.
- Patients are contagious for 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
- Treatment for asymptomatic GAS carriers is not recommended, nor is testing or empiric treatment of household contacts.

This guideline is designed for the general use of most patients but may need to be adapted to meet the special needs of a specific patient as determined by the medical practitioner.  
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