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## LAB ALERT

### Collection Device changes for *Chlamydia trachomatis* / *N. gonorrhoeae* testing

Effective April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, the clinical microbiology laboratory will transition from the Hologic to the Roche cobas® platform for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* molecular testing resulting in collection device changes.

**The current Aptima Swab and Urine collection kits (MICRO122 or MICRO111) will not be accepted for the STDSW test if received after April 26<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Test— STDSW *Chlamydia trachomatis* / *N. gonorrhoeae* Amplified Probe

- New supplies are available on the ordering portal. Please place no more than a two-month supply as soon as possible.
  - MICRO130— cobas® PCR urine sample kit
  - MICRO131— cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet (Cervix, Rectal, Throat, urethral, and vaginal sources)
- Test code, CPT codes, interface build, and turnaround time will remain the same.
- Performed Monday through Friday.

Source	New Collection Device
Cervix	cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet/ MICRO131 -Submit Flocked swab
Rectal	cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet/ MICRO131 -Submit Woven swab (cotton)
Throat	cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet/ MICRO131 -Submit Woven swab (cotton)
Urethral	cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet/ MICRO131 -Submit Woven swab (cotton)
Urine	cobas® PCR urine sample kit/ MICRO130
Vaginal	cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet/MICRO131 -Submit Woven swab (cotton)

Please note, Aptima Multitest Swab or Urine Specimen Collection Kits, must still be used for the **TVAG** *Trichomonas vaginalis* by TMA send out test (new supply order #'s Z\_ARUP8 and Z\_ARUP9).

## New Device Summary

### 1. Urine source collection (MICRO130)—

New—cobas® PCR urine sample kit



Stabilized specimens:  
Ambient or Refrigerated: up to 12 months.

Urine specimens must be transferred into the cobas® PCR Media Tube (stabilized) immediately. If specimens cannot be transferred immediately, they can be stored at 2°C to 30°C for up to 24 hours.

Previous—not acceptable after April 26<sup>th</sup>



### 2. Cervix, rectal, throat, urethral, vaginal collection (MICRO131)—

New—cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab



Transport: Ambient or Refrigerated

Previous—not acceptable after April 26<sup>th</sup>  
(Only acceptable for TVAG)



## Additional Information and Resources

More information and updated test directory will be available April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

[Click here](#) to view detailed collection instructions.

## Contact Regional Pathology Services

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