

TEMPORARY CHANGE

YELLOW APTIMA URINE CONTAINER SHORTAGE

UPDATE

Collection for URINE STDAMP has temporarily changed due to a shortage of yellow Aptima urine containers.

- If you have Aptima urine tubes in clinic, continue to send to TriCore for testing.
- Sterile containers may be used (specimen must arrive at lab/Core lab within 24 hours of collection).
 - If the lab has the appropriate aliquot container, the test will be performed.
 - Containers are running low which could potentially impact our ability to perform testing.
- Consider using alternative sources for STDAMP or refer to http://www.tricore.org/test_directory?keyword=stdamp for additional information.
 - Self-collection for vaginal, male urethral, pharyngeal or rectal specimens - Aptima Multitest Swab Kit (pink shaft)
 - Cervix specimen - Aptima Unisex Swab Kit (blue shaft)
 - Cervical brushing - ThinPrep vial
 - Vaginal specimen - Aptima Multitest Swab Kit (pink shaft)
 - Urethral specimen (male only), rectal swab specimen, or pharyngeal swab specimen - Aptima Unisex Swab Kit (blue shaft)
- Currently the supply vendor is allocating the yellow Aptima containers to all testing laboratories.
- The vendor anticipates a return to normal supply distribution sometime in October. No specific date was received.

TriCore will provide additional information as it becomes available.