

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF COLLECTION FOR CT/GC NAAT

There is a current national shortage of STI test kits and laboratory supplies, most notably for chlamydia and gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification tests (CT/GC NAAT). The shortages affect multiple diagnostic companies, public health and commercial laboratories, and impact several components of the specimen collection and testing process.

Collection for CT/GC NAAT has temporarily changed due to a shortage of purple Aptima swabs. Orange Aptima multitest swab transport media are accepted in lieu of purple Aptima swabs during this shortage. TriCore will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Please see the testing approaches listed in the table below to maximize the number of infected individuals identified and treated while prioritizing individuals most likely to experience complications during this time of reagent shortage.

- For asymptomatic individuals prioritize:
 - women <25 years of age;
 - pregnant women <25 years of age;
 - women > 25 years at risk*; pregnant women > 25 years of age at risk*
 - MSM
- Women with symptoms of Candidiasis should be tested for BV and Candida using the Affirm transport device.
- HIV and syphilis testing should continue to be performed per the CDC’s 2015 STD Treatment Guidelines.

*Those at risk includes those who have a new sex partner, more than one sex partner, a sex partner with concurrent partners or a sex partner who has an STI.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIORITIZATION OF STI DIAGNOSTIC TESTING BY POPULATION AT TIMES OF DIAGNOSTIC TEST KIT SHORTAGE						
	ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS	MEN WITH SYMPTOMATIC URETHRITIS SYNDROME	WOMEN WITH CERVICITIS	PROCTITIS SYNDROME	COMPLICATED STD SYNDROMES (PID)	CONTACTS TO GC AND/OR CT
Recommendations for testing approaches when STI diagnostic test kits are limited	Vaginal testing (women), rectal and pharyngeal* testing (MSM) for CT and GC	Urethral testing for GC and CT Reserve urine based testing for persistent urethritis	Vaginal or endocervical testing for CT and GC	Rectal testing for CT and GC	Vaginal or endocervical testing for CT and GC	Treat empirically for appropriate organism
ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION DEVICES						
First catch urine collected in sterile container	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cytc/SurePath Pap Vials	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

MSM = men who have sex with men
 +Prioritize rectal over pharyngeal testing in MSM