

# TEMPORARY CHANGE OF COLLECTION FOR STREPTOCOCCUS, GROUP A CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS AND NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE VAGINITIS

There is a current shortage of laboratory supplies, most notably for molecular assays in the laboratory. The shortage impacts our ability to perform certain assays including tests to screen for MRSA, Streptococcus Group A, Streptococcus Group B, STI testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea, and testing for bacterial vaginitis. The shortages affect multiple diagnostic companies, public health and commercial laboratories, and impact several components of the specimen collection and testing process.

### Screening for Streptococcus, Group A

The molecular test for Streptococcus Group A screening of the throat (GADNA) is currently unavailable. Providers should order CSTRSP as the alternative test. The appropriate specimen is a Red Copan, red/black label swab of the throat.

### Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae screening

Collection for CT/GC NAAT has temporarily changed due to a shortage of purple Aptima swabs. Yellow Aptima urine kits continue to be accepted as well as first catch urine in a sterile container. Orange Aptima multitest swab transport media are accepted in lieu of purple Aptima swabs during this shortage. Cytoc/SurePath Pap Vials are also acceptable specimens.

### Screening for vaginitis

The molecular test for screening for vaginitis (VAGPCR) is currently unavailable. Providers should order VAGDNA as the alternative test. The appropriate specimen is vaginal secretions collected using the Affirm VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System.

The test availability and alternative collection device is summarized in the table below. TriCore will provide additional information as it becomes available.

TEST					
Test Name	RMRSA	GADNA	GBSDNA	STDAMP	VAGPCR
Available	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Alternative Test	N/A	<b>CSTRSP</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>VAGDNA</b>
Collection Device	Red Copan, white/red label	Red Copan, red/black label	Red Copan, red/black label	Yellow Aptima urine Purple Aptima swab Orange Aptima swab Cytoc/SurePath Pap vials	Affim VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System

N/A = not applicable