

SERVICE UPDATE

CAMPUS AFFECTED: All campuses			
AFFECTS PATIENT CARE			
TEST NAME: CT and NG DNA probe combined tests		DATE OF CHANGE: 11/01/2017	
REPLACING: same			
SPECIMEN TYPE:	Endocervical and vaginal		
ORDERING CODES:	EPIC:	LAB4526	
	SQ:	CTNGV	
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:	New sample collection kits for Chlamydia Trachomatis and Neisseria Gonorhea by DNA, CT/NG		

There are new swab collection kits for endocervical and vaginal specimens for CT/NG due to an upgrade from our vendor.

For **endocervical** collection, use the woven swab to remove excess mucus and collect the specimen with the flocked swab (brush). The collection tube should only contain the flocked swab. The specimen will be rejected if the tube contains no swab or 2 swabs.

For a **vaginal** collection, use the woven swab from the collection kit. Discard the flocked swab-do not use for the vaginal collection.

For both sample types, after collecting carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the dark line. Discard the top portion of the swab. Tightly re-cap the cobas PCR Media tube.

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No changes in the urine collection process.

For further information refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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