



**Notification of Test Change**  
**Chlamydia/ Gonococci/ Trichomonas NAAT test**  
**in Pediatric Patients and from**  
**Rectal or Pharyngeal Sources (all ages)**

Effective 01/07/2019, Detroit Medical Center University Laboratories will be discontinuing the in-house BD Viper Chlamydia/Gonococci and Trichomonas NAAT testing for the following:

- Specimens from patients less than 18 years of age, (urine, urethral, endocervical/ vaginal) will be sent to the reference lab for testing by the Hologic Aptima assay.
- Any specimen collected from rectal, pharyngeal sources ( all age groups) will be also sent to the reference lab for testing by Hologic Aptima assay.
- Specimen collection instructions and acceptable transport media- please see the back of this page.

These specimens will be sent to a reference laboratory that uses the Hologic Aptima assay, a nucleic acid amplification test for the detection of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Trichomonas in clinical specimens.

**Ordering Information:**

- For patients less than 18 years of age, order CHLAMYDIA/GC TMA APTIMA TEST CODE CHGCAP, UNIT CODE 337410
- APTIMA testing for specimens collected from rectal and pharyngeal sources (all ages) will have to be ordered manually.  
Order APTIMA Chlamydia/ Gonococcus, rectal or pharyngeal swab
- Patients <18 years old order APTIMA Trichomonas manually  
Order Trichomonas vaginalis APTIMA
- Reference Range – Negative
- Testing Schedule – Monday thru Friday

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## Specimen Collection Instructions & Acceptable Transport Media

- The Aptima test offered by the reference lab is going to require a dedicated APTIMA transport media.
- Only the APTIMA urine transport tube or the APTIMA unisex collection swab device are acceptable for the Aptima testing.
- For **urine specimens**, collect 2 ml of urine in the urine collection device (APTIMA) . Final volume must be between the two black lines of the device.
- For **swab specimens**, utilize the APTIMA unisex collection swab placed in the APTIMA swab specimen transport tube

**NOTE:** A single specimen may be used for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. Trichomonas requires a separate specimen. If Chlamydia/Gonorrhea and Trichomonas are ordered, collect one specimen for Chlamydia/ Gonorrhea, and another separate specimen for the Trichomonas.

### Rejection criteria:

- 1- Any specimen not collected in the APTIMA transport collection devices
- 2- Over-poured / Under-poured urines in APTIMA urine transport tube
- 3- APTIMA swab transport without a swab
- 4- Cleaning swab (white-shaft swab) in APTIMA swab transport
- 5- Swab or urine specimens in any BD Qx transports
- 6- Any urines in cups or plain tubes

The APTIMA urine transport and APTIMA unisex collection swab devices will be available from the Core Sendout Laboratory, phone number 313-745-4783



APTIMA Urine transport tube



APTIMA Unisex collection device