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**Newly Verified Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit for Clinician-Collected Vaginal, Rectal, and Pharyngeal (Throat) and Patient-Collect Vaginal for Chlamydia & Gonorrhea TMA Samples to the Allegheny County Public Health Laboratory**

Dear submitting clinics and facilities.

Beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, the Allegheny County Public Health Laboratory will begin accepting Clinician-Collected Vaginal, Rectal, and Pharyngeal (Throat) and Patient-Collect Vaginal (NAAT) for Chlamydia & Gonorrhea testing using Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit (Hologic, Inc., Cat No. PRD-03546). Before verifying the Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit, these sample types were not tested; only the Aptima® Unisex Swab Collection Kit (Hologic, Inc., Cat. No. 301041) was collected for endocervical and male urethra specimen types and the Aptima® Urine Specimen Collection kit for male and female urine specimens (Hologic Inc, Cat. No. 301040) were accepted for Chlamydia & Gonorrhea testing.

The Allegheny County Public Health Laboratory will continue to take the Aptima® Unisex Swab Collection Kit, specifically for endocervical and male urethra specimen types, and the Aptima® Urine Specimen Collection Kit, for male and female urine specimens.

It is essential to remind clinical staff to use and properly label the correct collection kit with the appropriate specimen type so that the laboratory can accurately link requested tests with the correct specimen type.



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Please see the [link](#) for sample collection guidelines for all chlamydia/gonorrhea TMA sample sources:

[https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DOH%20Legacy/Lab\\_Services/Hologic%20Collection%20Devices.pdf](https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DOH%20Legacy/Lab_Services/Hologic%20Collection%20Devices.pdf)

At this point, the Allegheny County Public Health Laboratory is working on verifying Trichomonas vaginalis TMA, and communication will be forthcoming shortly.

Please share this memorandum with staff or clinicians who may collect and submit these samples to the Allegheny County Public Health Laboratory.

You can contact us for any questions @ 412-578-8070

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