

Discontinuation of eSwab for:

- *Chlamydia trachomatis* / *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
- Vaginitis Panel Affirm (*Candida*, *G. vaginalis*, TV)

Notice Date: May 30, 2023

Effective August 1, 2023, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is discontinuing the use of eSwab for the following tests:

IMPACTED TESTS: LAB9350 **CHLAMYDIA TRACHMONATIS / NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE RRNA**
 LAB8755 **VAGINIITIS PANEL AFFIRM (CANDIDA, G. VAGINALIS, TV)**

Reason for change This change is being made to align PDL practices to the FDA approved collection devices.

Action to Take To avoid specimen rejections after the effective date:

- Ensure that your office has the correct collection kits available
- Update all collection tip sheets and notes
- eSwab collection kits continue to be appropriate for *cultures*

COLLECTION KIT GUIDANCE

CHLAMYDIA TRACHMONATIS / NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE RRNA

LAB9350 LAB10126 (PHARYNGEAL) LAB10144 (RECTAL)

GENDER (>14 years)	SPECIMEN SOURCE	COLLECTION KIT
Female	Cervical	ThinPrep Vial
Female	Endocervical	Aptima Unisex Swab
Female/Male	Rectal	Aptima Multitest or Unisex Swab
Female/Male	Throat/Pharyngeal	Aptima Multitest or Unisex Swab
Male	Urethral	Aptima Unisex Swab
Female/Male	Urine (first catch)	Aptima Urine Collection kit or sterile container
Female	Vaginal	Multitest Swab

VAGINIITIS PANEL AFFIRM (CANDIDA, G. VAGINALIS, TV)

LAB8755

GENDER	SPECIMEN SOURCE	COLLECTION KIT
Female	Vaginal	BD Affirm™ VPIII Swab

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100

AFFIRM VAGINITIS PANEL (CANDIDA, G VAGINALIS, TV) LAB8755

BD Affirm VP III Swab



PLEASE NOTE:

AFFIRM Vial is small.

Label vial fully with patient name and date of birth.

Place **labeled vial** in transport tube or bag to submit to Lab.



CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS / NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE RRNA LAB9350

APTIMA® MULTITEST SWAB

Orange label

Female: Vaginal
 Female/Male: Throat/Pharyngeal
 Female/Male: Rectal



APTIMA® UNISEX SWAB

White label

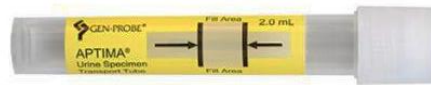
Female: Endocervical
 Male: Urethral
 Female/Male: Throat/Pharyngeal
 Female/Male: Rectal



APTIMA® URINE COLLECTION KIT

Yellow label

Female/Male: Urine



THINPREP® VIAL

Female: Cervical

