

IMPORTANT – Major Change to Gonorrhoeae and Chlamydia Collection Devices

Platform & Media Change for Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae

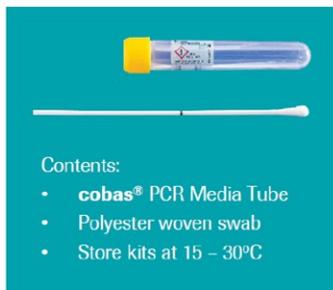
Effective 6/25/2024, the UVMHC Laboratory will be changing the platform used for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia testing. We are moving to the **Roche cobas® 6800** system. This is an automated in vitro nucleic acid test for the direct detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) DNA.

Acceptable specimen types are urine, vaginal, oropharyngeal (throat) and anorectal swab specimens all to be collected in **cobas® PCR Media** (Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.). **Cervical specimens are to be collected in PreservCyt® Solution.**

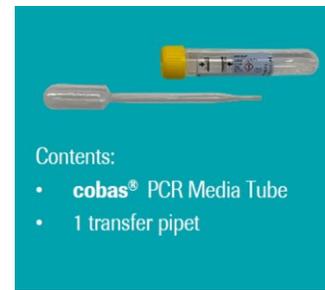
Please Note: Endocervical and urethral swab specimens will no longer be accepted for CT and GC testing. These are not optimal collection sites.

The cobas® PCR Media Uni Swab sample kits are used to collect and transport vaginal, anorectal, oropharyngeal swab specimens and urine should be transferred to the Urine PCR Media Tube.

Uni Swab Kit:



Urine Sample Kit:



The cobas® Uni Swab & Urine PCR Media kits can be ordered beginning 6/10/2024 by contacting the UVMHC Laboratory Customer Service area at (802) 847-5121.

Aptima Multitest (Vaginal) Swab Collection Kit (Orange):

IMPORTANT: If the Vaginal CTGC and Vaginitis/Vaginosis Molecular Detection assay (LAB17610) is ordered, please collect the vaginal swab specimen using the Aptima transport vial so only one swab needs to be submitted. The Vaginal CTGC and Vaginitis/Vaginosis test is not available on the new cobas® 6800 system.



Container	Specimen	Temp	Collect	Submit	Stability
Aptima (orange vial/foil cap)	Vaginal	Ambient	Swab	Swab	30 days
Aptima (orange vial/foil cap)	Vaginal	Refrigerate	Swab	Swab	30 days

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Container	Specimen	Temperature	Collect Vol	Submit Vol	Min Vol	Stability
Cobas Uni Swab kit	Vaginal swab	Refrigerate or Ambient	N/A	N/A	N/A	60 days
Cobas Uni Swab kit	Anorectal swab	Refrigerate or Ambient	N/A	N/A	N/A	60 days
Cobas Uni Swab kit	Oropharyngeal swab	Refrigerate or Ambient	N/A	N/A	N/A	60 days
Sterile Container	Urine specimen**	Refrigerate	<30 mL		2 mL	24 hours
Cobas Urine kit	Urine specimen**	Refrigerate	<30 mL	2 mL	2 mL	30 days
Thin Prep Vial	Cervical specimen	Ambient	4 mL	1 mL	1 mL	30 days

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please contact the Medical Director of Clinical Chemistry at UVMHC, Dr. Clayton Wilburn, at clayton.wilburn@uvmhealth.org.

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