

# Laboratory Client Update

## To Our Valued Providers & Staff:

We have changed the process for urine collection and transport for the Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Trichomonas testing at Salem Health Regional Laboratory. **Urine samples no longer need to be transferred to transport tubes on-site.** Urine samples can now be collected in sterile urine cups and held in the **refrigerator** and need to be submitted to the lab within **24 hours** of the collection date & time. **Sample must remain refrigerated at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius.** The **original sterile sample cup** can now be sent to the lab without having to transfer the urine into the transport tubes. **This process becomes effective on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.**

## What this means for ordering and collecting:

If only a Vaginal Pathogens by DNA Probe (aka Wet Mount) is needed a **vaginal swab** will need to be collected using the **BD Affirm VPII Collection kit.** (See collection information attached)

If only a CTNGT or CTNG is needed a vaginal swab (self-collect or clinician) will need to be collected using the **BD Molecular Swab Collection kit.** (See collection information attached)

If both a Vaginal Pathogens by DNA Probe (aka Wet Mount) and a CTNGT or CTNG tests are wanted, then a vaginal swab will need to be collected using the **BD Affirm VPII Collection kit** (for Vaginal Pathogens by DNA Probe) and a vaginal swab will need to be collected using the **BD Molecular Swab Collection kit** (for the CTNG or CTNGT).

## Urine Collection:

The urine patient collection for both males and females remains the same.

The patient should not have urinated within the last hour. Collect the first 20-60 mL of urine in a sterile, **preservative-free cup.** Label with the PID and date & time of collection. Samples can be held in the fridge and submitted to the lab within **24 hours of collection and remain refrigerated at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius.**

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**Laboratory Personnel or Designee:**

The old kits containing the transport tubes for urine samples are to be collected by couriers from the various sites.

*Please use these codes when ordering new kits from lab supply ongoing: **Swab-8305***

*If self-collection is wanted swab collection kits are available for pick up at the Specimen Management window at Salem Health Regional Laboratory.*

Please refer to the attached instruction sheets from the manufacturer for collection.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Laboratory Client Services by calling 503-814-5227.

Thank you!

Laboratory Services