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Re: **Important Changes to Acceptance Criteria for Urine N. Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia Trachomatis by Molecular**

Important changes to acceptance criteria for Urine N. gonorrhoea and chlamydia trachomatis by molecular (ie Aptima assay) will be effective beginning on Monday, August 15, 2022.

Unacceptable: unpreserved urine (such as in a urine cup) will no longer be accepted. **These samples will be rejected.**

Acceptable: Urine must be transferred to the Aptima Urine Transport Tube to the marked fill lines before transport to the laboratory. This change will ensure that all samples are preserved in the necessary timeframe for testing. There is no change to collection of swabs for testing. Please contact Lab Medicine Client Services (1-800-PENN-LAB or PennLabsupplies@penmedicine.upenn.edu) to obtain the transport tubes, or with any questions.

Acceptable Urine Transport Tube:

