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Re: **New Assay: Molecular Detection of *Mycoplasma genitalium***

Ordering Information



Multitest swab
(vaginal/penile meatal)



Unisex swab
(male urethral/
endocervical)



Urine

Effective Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania will offer molecular testing for *Mycoplasma genitalium*.

Acceptable specimen types include vaginal, endocervical, penile and urethral swabs, and urine collected in the appropriate Aptima collection kits.

PennChart order: Mycoplasma genitalium by nucleic acid amplification

For full information on specimen collection and orders please visit the lab test services guide.

Ordering Recommendations

Mycoplasma genitalium is a sexually transmitted infection associated with urethritis, cervicitis and PID. Testing should be considered in men with recurrent non-gonococcal urethritis and women with recurrent cervicitis or PID1. Asymptomatic testing is not recommended.

Assay Information:

The Aptima Mycoplasma genitalium assay is an in vitro nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for the qualitative detection of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) from Mycoplasma genitalium.

1. [Mycoplasma genitalium - STI Treatment Guidelines \(cdc.gov\)](#)

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