

November 2021

To: Clients of the New York Hospital Laboratories (NYHL)

From: NYHL Management

Subject: Vaginal Pathogen Panel Test Replacement & NEW Supply Requirement

Dear Valued NYHL Client,

Kindly note, effective as of Monday, November 15, 2021, the current Vaginal Pathogen Panel by DNA Probe test, performed by our main reference laboratory, ARUP, is being replaced by a more sensitive **Vaginitis Panel by TMA**. Please see ordering information below.

The new Vaginitis Panel by TMA will require use of the Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kit (Orange and white box). This new methodology of performing this test will detect several more pathogens than the Vaginal Pathogen Panel by DNA. The Vaginitis Panel by TMA will detect the following pathogens: *Lactobacillus* (*L. gasseri*, *L. crispatus*, and *L. jensenii*), *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Atopobium vaginae* **PLUS** *Candida* spp, *Candida glabrata*, and *Trichomonas vaginalis*. The Vaginal Pathogen Panel by DNA Probe only detects three pathogens associated with vaginitis (*Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Candida* spp, and *Trichomonas vaginalis*).

The new replacement test has a longer stability of 30 days at both ambient and refrigerated temperatures, compared to the previous 72 hours stability for the Vaginal Pathogen Panel by DNA, which occasionally was the cause for specimen cancellations. This longer stability minimizes compromised specimens during transport and facilitates retesting, if necessary.

This new testing can only be performed on patients **14 years of age or older**.

#### ORDERING INFORMATION:

If utilizing a paper requisition, in the miscellaneous section kindly write "Vaginitis Panel Probe by TMA (ARUP# 3002581)".

**Beginning, Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** The Vaginitis Panel Probe by TMA will also be available in both Epic and our portal, Change Healthcare. Please see below.

| <u>Test Name</u>             | <u>Epic Test Code</u> | <u>Change Healthcare Code</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vaginitis Panel Probe by TMA | LAB58454              | 1093520051                    |

Kindly note, the *Vaginal Pathogen Panel by DNA* will additionally be **DISCONTINUED** and *will no longer be available* for ordering. The required supply for the Vaginal Pathogen Panel, the BD Affirm VPIII, will also no longer be available after November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### TEST SUMMARY/SUPPLY INFORMATION:

Vaginitis Panel Probe by TMA (Arup Code: 3002581)

Stability Guidelines: Ambient/Refrigerated (30 days)

Frozen (90 days)

Turn Around Time: 1-3 days (*once received at ARUP*)

REQUIRED COLLECTION SUPPLY:

**Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit**



For any questions related to this new test or supply, please contact Client Services at (212) 746-0670.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of the Laboratories at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.