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To: Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare Clients

Subject: Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae PCR testing update

Effective June 10, 2016, the EMH laboratory will change testing methods for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* PCR testing. The current method and collection device will be discontinued and replaced with the Hologic Aptima Combo2 which detects rRNA using Transcription Mediated Amplification (TMA).

Although specimen collection sources remain the same, the **collection containers are new.** Ordering of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing remains unchanged.

Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria Gonorrhoeae

Female:

Collection Kit	Specimen Sources
Aptima Unisex Collection	Cervical, Endocervical, Vaginal
Aptima Urine Collection	First catch urine
PreservCyt liquid Pap (ThinPrep vial)	Cervical, Endocervical, Vaginal

Male:

Collection Kit	Specimen Sources
Aptima Unisex Collection	Urethral
Aptima Urine Collection	First catch urine



Aptima Urine Collection



Aptima Unisex Collection



ThinPrep Vial

Transport of any of the above samples to the laboratory may be at room temperature or refrigerated.

For more information, questions or to place an order for collection containers please contact Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Laboratory Client Services at 331-221-4422.