



MEMORANDUM

To: All RML Clients
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Subject: **Change to Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Testing**

Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) has been transitioning to a new platform for Pap, HPV and STI testing over the past several months. This transition has included changing specimen collection devices to Thinprep for Pap and Aptima for swabs and urine. We thank you for your patience during this transition and would like to communicate some additional changes related to this group of tests. We hope to grow the test menu available on Thinprep and Aptima specimens this spring and must make the following changes to accommodate this growth.

Effective March 5, 2018, RML will no longer accept BD ProbeTech swabs submitted for Chlamydia and/or Gonorrhea testing. Also, we will no longer perform Chlamydia or Gonorrhea testing on BD Surepath Pap specimens in-house, and any SurePath specimens received for this testing will be sent to a partner laboratory and may experience extended turnaround time. Chlamydia and/or Gonorrhea testing must be ordered up front on the SurePath Pap and cannot be added on several days after collection. Finally, separate orders for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea on SurePath specimens will be discontinued and simultaneous testing for both organisms will be offered. Impacted orders are as follows:

Test name	Test Code	Notes
GC/Chlamydia Probe	5560330	BD ProbeTech Swabs: Unacceptable Surepath: Accepted, sent out to partner lab. Urine: Use alternate orders below
Chlamydia Probe	5559980	Test no longer available as a stand-alone
Gonorrhea Probe	5960180	Test no longer available as a stand-alone

As a reminder, RML has transitioned to the following orders for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing in-house to accommodate a wide variety of specimen types. Please visit the downloads section of RMLOnline.com to view the previously distributed memo entitled *New molecular testing for Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, and Trichomonas vaginalis* for more information regarding this testing including applicable CPT and LOINC codes. Our sales team has been working to bring the new Thinprep and Aptima supplies to your offices to replace the Surepath and BD ProbeTech swabs. Please contact us if you have not been reached by our sales team to schedule an appointment for this supply transition.

Test name	Test Code	Specimen Type
Chlamydia trachomatis - PAP	6910107	ThinPrep PAP
Chlamydia trachomatis - Swab	6910109	Aptima Swab
Chlamydia trachomatis - Urine	6910111	Urine in Aptima Transport Tube
Neisseria gonorrhoeae - PAP	6910113	ThinPrep PAP
Neisseria gonorrhoeae - Swab	6910115	Aptima Swab
Neisseria gonorrhoeae - Urine	6910117	Urine in Aptima Transport Tube
Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae - PAP	6910125	ThinPrep PAP
Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae - Swab	6910127	Aptima Swab
Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae - Urine	6910129	Urine in Aptima Transport Tube

Please contact Brittany Vaughn or Dr. Cindi Starkey at 918-744-2553 with questions regarding this update.