

TEST UPDATE TRICHOMONAS

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OVERVIEW AND CLINICAL UTILITY:

Effective December 7, 2015 PathGroup Labs will no longer be performing wet mount testing or culture for *Trichomonas vaginalis* in order to provide our clients with the most up to date infectious disease testing methods. According to the 2015 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines recently published by the CDC, culture is no longer considered the gold standard method for diagnosing *T. vaginalis* infection with the advent of molecular detection methods. Wet mount microscopic analysis suffers from extremely low sensitivity which can give rise to a high number of false negative results. **PathGroup will continue to offer testing for *Trichomonas vaginalis* by the APTIMA assay.**

ORDERING:

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	CPT CODES	REFERENCE RANGE
OTRICH	Trichomonas vaginalis, APTIMA®	87661	Detected/Not Detected

DISCONTINUED TESTING:

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	CPT CODES	STATUS
WETIA	Wet Mount Infectious Agent	87210	Discontinued for <i>Trichomonas</i> only effective 12/7/2015. <i>May continue to be used for Yeast and Clue Cells identification.</i>
TRCX	Trichomonas Culture	87081	Discontinued effective 12/7/2015

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE:

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN COLLECTION DEVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PreservCyt, ThinPrep (Cervical and Vaginal Specimens) - APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit for Endocervical and Male Urethral Swab Specimens - APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit - APTIMA Urine Specimen Collection Kit - BD Universal Swab
UNACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN TYPES AND COLLECTION DEVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urine collected with preservatives - Specimens collected from patients of less than 14 years of age or for purposes of evaluating suspected sexual abuse.

TEST PERFORMED: Daily

TURNAROUND TIME: 24 – 48 Hours

For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 1-888-474-5227.