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CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS AND NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE TESTING NOW AVAILABLE FOR THROAT AND RECTAL SWAB SPECIMENS

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Beginning November 11, 2019, Marshfield Labs will accept throat and rectal specimens for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* testing using an FDA-cleared, fully automated, nucleic acid amplification test. This change expands the available specimen types to include all those listed in Table 1 on the following page.

REJECTION CRITERIA

1) Specimens submitted with the wrong swab or collection tube
2) Transported improperly
3) Improper specimen source (eye, etc.)
4) Pre-pubescent children or medico-legal cases
5) Female urethral swabs
6) Thin prep solution vial containing less than 2.0 ml of fluid
7) Urine specimens that are not “first catch” i.e., a midstream urine specimen

TEST INFORMATION

- Sample Storage: 2°-30°C
- Availability: Monday - Friday
- CPT Code: 87661
- Qualitative Interpretation:
  Reported as Negative, Positive or Indeterminate for *Chlamydia trachomatis* or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* RNA by TMA. Indeterminate results are inconclusive. Repeat testing with a new specimen is recommended.

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TABLE 1

Body Site	Specimen Type	Swab Description	Tube Description	Minimum Volume
Vaginal Rectal Throat	Aptima – Orange label (multitest swab)	Pink shaft collection swab	Orange labeled tube	1 Swab
Cervical Endocervical Male Urethral	Aptima – White label (unisex swab)	Blue shaft collection swab	White labeled tube	1 Swab
Thin Prep	Aptima – Thin prep tube	Not applicable	Green labeled tube	2.0 ml
Urine – first catch	Aptima – Urine	Not applicable	Yellow labeled tube	2.0 ml

QUESTIONS

- Test information is available in Marshfield Labs Test Reference Manual or from Marshfield Labs Customer Service Department.
- Questions may be directed to Dr. Timothy Uphoff.
- Phone number: 800-222-5835.