

Discontinuation of APTIMA tubes for CT/NG Testing

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Discontinuation of accepting APTIMA tubes for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* testing

Effective July 1, 2019 the South Bend Medical Foundation will no longer accept APTIMA tubes for the testing of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* for endocervical swabs, vaginal swabs and urine specimens.

The only acceptable collection device for endocervical and vaginal specimens will be the cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample kit (Stock item #S1034). For urine specimens the only acceptable collection device will be the cobas® PCR Urine Sample Kit (Stock item #S1035).

Specimens submitted in APTIMA tubes will be rejected for in house testing at SBMF. Specimens in APTIMA tubes will have the orders changed and shipped to a reference laboratory for testing.

Tests affected by this change:

36350 – *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by NAA, Swab

36360 – *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by NAA, Urine

36351 – *Chlamydia trachomatis* by NAA, Swab

36352 – *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by NAA, Swab

36362 – *Chlamydia trachomatis* by NAA, Urine

36361 – *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by NAA, Urine

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