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MEMORANDUM #150

TO: UNC Hospitals Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Nursing Coordinators,
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SUBJECT: New *Trichomonas vaginalis* testing

Beginning November 4, 2013, the UNC Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will begin offering molecular detection of *Trichomonas vaginalis* (SMS/CPOE “TRICHOMONAS VAGINALIS NAAT”). *Trichomonas vaginalis* NAAT is available for endocervical or vaginal swabs only. Specimens must be collected using the Gen-Probe APTIMA swab collection kit, but the same swab can be used for *Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae* NAAT and *Trichomonas vaginalis* NAAT (Lawson #050542). Note: ONLY the BLUE swab should be submitted to the laboratory – specimens submitted on the WHITE swab, or containing both WHITE and BLUE swabs will be rejected. Testing will be performed daily Monday through Friday with a 1-3 day turnaround time.

If additional information is needed, please consult the McLendon Clinical Laboratories website at http://labs.unchealthcare.org/labstestinfo/t_tests/trcn_naa.htm or contact Dr. Melissa Miller at pager 216-6131.