



**MEMORANDUM #186**

TO: UNCHCS Attending Physicians and Faculty Practice Physicians, Housestaff, Clinical Nurse Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Changes in Laboratory Orders for Vaginitis**

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Effective immediately, the EPIC orders for vaginitis testing has changed for UNC Medical Center, Hillsborough Hospital, and UNC clinics. The Wet Prep, Genital order (LAB252) has been changed to two SEPARATE orderable tests, Vaginitis Screen (LAB252) and Rapid Trichomonas Screen (LAB1380).

- The Vaginitis Screen (LAB252) reports yeast and bacterial vaginosis from vaginal swabs using a Gram stain and Nugent's scoring criteria. Specimen collection requirement is a sterile, double red cap culture swab (Lawson #50439).
- The Rapid Trichomonas Screen (LAB1380) detects *Trichomonas vaginalis* from female genital swabs via the Sekisui OSOM Trichomonas Kit. Specimen collection requirement is a sterile, double red cap culture swab (Lawson #50439).

Note the two double red cap culture swabs CANNOT be shared between the two tests.

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