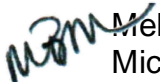





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To: UNC Health Attending Physicians, Faculty
Practice Physicians, Housestaff, Clinical Nurse Coordinators, Department
Heads and Supervisors

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Date: June 19, 2025

Subject: **Updated Swab Collection for STI Molecular Testing**

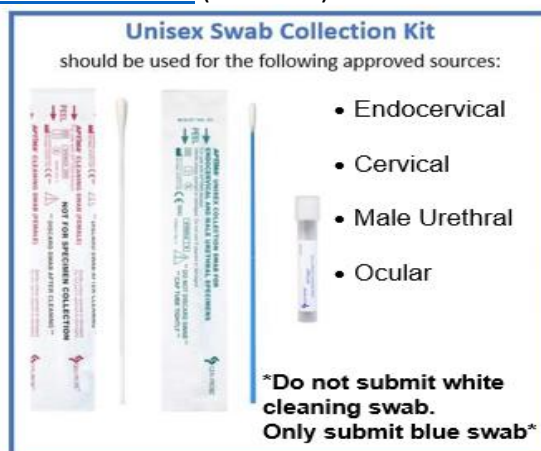
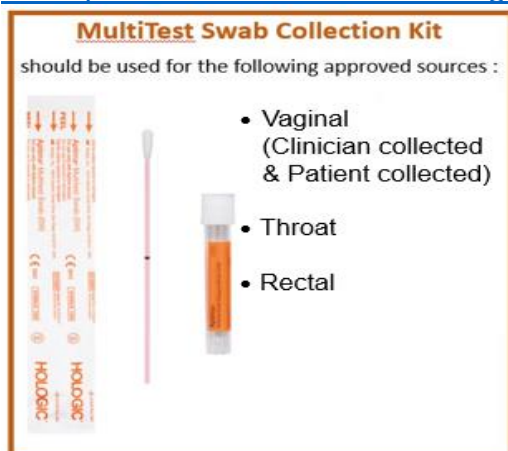
Submitted specimens **must** be collected using the correct corresponding FDA-approved collection devices for the tests below. Beginning October 1, 2025, specimens submitted using the incorrect swab collection kit for the provided source **will be rejected**. Please see the individual test websites hyperlinked below for more information. Urine collection remains unchanged.

Swab Ordering Information:

MultiTest Swab: Infor # 385627
KIT SPECIMEN COLLECTION MULTI SWAB 50 TEST APTIMA

Unisex Swab: Infor # 050542
Swab Ct/Ng Collection Kit Aptima 50/Bx

[Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae NAA \(LAB5814\)](#)




[Mycoplasma genitalium NAA \(LAB11195\)](#)

MultiTest Swab Collection Kit
should be used for the following approved sources :



- Vaginal (Clinician collected & Patient collected)
- Rectal

Unisex Swab Collection Kit
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- Cervical
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[Trichomonas vaginalis NAA \(LAB6696\)](#)

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