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Subject: New *Mycoplasma genitalium* testing

Beginning August 14, 2023, the Clinical Molecular Microbiology Laboratory at UNC Medical Center will offer molecular detection of *Mycoplasma genitalium* (EPIC: “*Mycoplasma genitalium* NAA” Test ID: LAB11195). *M. genitalium* NAAT is available for the following specimen types:

- Vaginal swabs
- Endocervical swabs
- Cervical swabs
- Rectal swabs
- Male urethral swabs
- Female and male urine



Swab specimens must be collected using a Hologic APTIMA swab collection kit as depicted above. Note: If collecting with the Unisex Swab Collection Kit (top picture), 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. Oropharyngeal swabs are not acceptable.

The same swab can be used for *Chlamydia trachomatis*/*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* NAAT, *Trichomonas vaginalis* NAAT and *Mycoplasma genitalium* NAAT (Lawson #050542).

Testing will be performed daily Monday through Friday with a turnaround time of 1-3 days. Additional information is available at the UNCCM McLendon Clinical Laboratories website: [McLendon *Mycoplasma genitalium* NAA Test](#).

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