

# Clinical Laboratory Testing Update

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Effective Date: July 31, 2023

## Discontinuation of Genital Cultures

### Explanation:

Effective Monday July 31, 2023; Genital specific cultures will be discontinued at UnityPoint Health - Des Moines. Due to more specific and sensitive testing methods, there are currently several other tests available that can detect and offer better information clinically compared to the culture methodology.

	Source	Methodology	Epic Name	Epic Lab Number	Sunquest Code
<b>Bacterial Vaginosis</b>	Vaginal	PCR	Vaginitis Molecular Panel	LAB3721	AVAGMO
<b>Chlamydia</b>	Urine	PCR	Chlamydia by NAA, Urine	LAB2079	UCT
	Genital	PCR	Chlamydia by NAA	LAB2157	CXCT
	Non-Genital	PCR	Chlamydia by NAA Other than Genital	LAB2158	CXCTO
<b>Neisseria Gonorrhoea</b>	Genital	Culture with Gram Stain	Culture N. Gonorrhoeae/Gram	LAB2192	CGCSM
	Genital	Culture	Gonococcus Culture	LAB235	CGC
	Genital	PCR	GC by Nucleic Acid Amplification	LAB2199	CXGC
	Non-Genital	PCR	Gonorrhea by NAA Other than Genital	LAB2218	CXGCO
	Urine	PCR	GC by NAA, Urine	LAB2094	UGC
<b>Neisseria Gonorrhoea/ Chlamydia</b>	Genital	PCR	GC/Chlamydia by NAA	LAB2200	CXGCCT
	Non-Genital	PCR	GC/Chlamydia by NAA Other than Genital	LAB2201	CXGCCO
	Urine	PCR	Gonorrhea/Chlamydia Urine by NAA	LAB2095	UGCCT
<b>Genital and genital adjacent wounds *</b>	Culdoscopy Endometrial aspirate Surgical biopsy IUD (for Actinomyces)	Culture with Gram Stain	Wound Culture with Gram Stain	LAB503	CWOUND

\* Note ANAEROBIC Culture from genital vaginal and cervical swabs are **UNACCEPTABLE** from female genital sources and will be rejected due to resident flora genital sources. Culture methodology is for abscess and other wound sources only.

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