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## **TEST UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Dear Colleague:

Pathology, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of three convenient new assays for identifying *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* from genital swabs:

### **Chlamydia [CT] and Gonorrhea [NG] – Aptima<sup>®</sup> Unisex Swab [536]**

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The **Chlamydia [CT] and Gonorrhea [NG] – Aptima<sup>®</sup> Unisex Swab [536]** detects two important sexually transmitted diseases, *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, from endocervical and urethral specimens. Results are reported the following business day. The assay requires use of the Aptima<sup>®</sup> Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit. Please call client services at 877-922-PATH (7284) to request your collection kits.

Pathology, Inc. now offers CT/NG testing from three convenient specimen types: Liquid-based Paps, Urine, and Aptima<sup>®</sup> Unisex Swabs. Please call client services for complete information.

### **CONTRACTED STATUS REMINDER:**

Pathology, Inc. continues to be a **contracted participating provider** with the prominent National and Regional PPO/POS Health Plans in California, including but not limited to:

- **Aetna (to verify eligibility, please use Pin 7070215)**
- **Anthem Blue Cross**
- **Blue Shield of California**
- **Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Out-of-State)**
- **CIGNA**
- **HealthNet**
- **Triwest/Tricare (Prime, Extra, Standard)**
- **United HealthCare (i.e., PacifiCare)**

Please inform your patients, physicians, and staff members that all claims filed by Pathology, Inc. will be processed by the above health plans as an "In-Network" and/or "Contracted" provider. Please note that some health plans utilize different terminology when referring to laboratory providers, as well as other ancillary providers, who are contracted and are part of their provider network. Depending upon the health plan, laboratory providers may be referred to as a "preferred" provider or a "participating" provider; however, in most instances this designation of "preferred" or "participating" will not affect how the claim is processed nor the patient's financial responsibility. If you have any questions, [please contact your Pathology, Inc. representative for confirmation / clarification.](#)

We thank you for choosing Pathology, Inc. and look forward to your continued support. For additional information, please visit our website at [www.pathologyinc.com](http://www.pathologyinc.com) or contact client services at 877-922-7284.

Respectfully yours,

Alfred Lui, M.D.  
Chief Medical Officer

## New Tests

### 536 Chlamydia [CT] and Gonorrhea [NG] – Aptima® Unisex Swab (Available 3/22/10)

Component	Method	Reference Range/Units
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	Transcription Mediated Amplification (TMA)	Detected/Non-detected

Specimen/Stability	Aptima® Unisex Swab Specimen: stable at 2° to 30°C for up to 60 days
Collection Instructions	Aptima® Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit required. Used for endocervical and urethral specimens. Call client services at 877-922-7284 for complete instructions and kit ordering.
Testing Schedule	Mon - Fri
Report	Next business day
Sensitivity*	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> : 95.2% <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> : 99.1%
Specificity*	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> : 97.6% <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> : 98.4%
Clinical Utility	Detects the presence of <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> from endocervical and urethral specimens using the Aptima® Unisex Swab collection kit.

\*Test performance characteristics from Gen-Probe Aptima® Combo 2 kit insert

- 534 Chlamydia [CT] – Aptima® Unisex Swab  
535 Gonorrhea [NG] – Aptima® Unisex Swab

#### Also Available:

- 537 Chlamydia [CT] and Gonorrhea [NG] - Urine  
380 Chlamydia [CT] - Urine  
381 Gonorrhea [NG] - Urine  
324 4-in-1 Liquid-based Pap Test [HPV Reflex, NG, CT]  
528 ThinPrep® 5-in-1 Liquid-based Pap Test [HPV Reflex, NG, CT, HSV-1/HSV-2]