

ESwab FOR MOLECULAR & MICROBIOLOGY TESTING

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Dear Colleague:

Pathology, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of **MOLECULAR TESTING** on samples collected using the **BD ESwab**. This single convenient swab can now be used to collect specimens to be tested for gynecologic-related infections by both molecular methods and by culture.

Pathology, Inc. has **validated the BD ESwab as an acceptable alternate collection device** for the molecular testing of the **following organisms**:

MOLECULAR TESTING using ESwab

- **AFFIRM™ Microbial Identification Test for Vaginitis*** (*Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*, and *Candida* species) [527] Method: DNA Probe
- **Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoea** [536] Method: Target Amplified Nucleic Acid Probe
- **Chlamydia** [534] Method: Target Amplified Nucleic Acid Probe
- **Gonorrhoea** [535] Method: Target Amplified Nucleic Acid Probe
- **Group B Strep*** [382] Method: RT-PCR
- **Herpes Simplex Virus Types 1 & 2** [522] Method: RT-PCR
- **Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1** [520] Method: RT-PCR
- **Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2** [521] Method: RT-PCR

*Please note that **separate ESwabs** should be used for collecting and testing for **Group B Streptococcus (GBS)** and the **AFFIRM** test. Because the AFFIRM assay utilizes a non-amplified method of molecular detection, in order to ensure sufficient yield of organisms for testing, please collect this specimen first when submitting more than one swab to test multiple organisms (e.g., AFFIRM plus CT/GC, etc). In addition to the ESwab, Pathology, Inc. will continue to accept swabs established for each respective assay (i.e., BD AFFIRM VPIII for Affirm; Aptima Unisex Swab for CT/GC; BBL Cultured Swab for GBS).

MICROBIOLOGY TESTING BY CULTURE using ESwab

In addition, ESwab can be used to collect the **following microbiology specimens** to be tested by culture:

- **Genital (Vaginal, Urethral)**
- **Gonorrhoea (GC) Screen**
- **Group B Strep Screen (GBS)**
- **Candida Yeast Screen**
- **Upper/Lower Respiratory**
- **Eye/Ear/Wound/Throat/MRSA**
- **Anaerobic Bacteria**
- **Fungus**
- **Miscellaneous**
- **Gram Stain**

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 or contact client services at 877.922.7284.

Sincerely,



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