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Laboratory Bulletin

Trichomonas by PCR: Testing Update

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In response to intermittent reagent shortages due to the SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic, physician clinics utilizing Beaumont Laboratories for detection of Trichomonas vaginalis by PCR may experience delays in turn-around time of testing. Beaumont is uncertain when reagent supplies used for testing of Trichomonas by PCR will normalize, but if reagent backorder is experienced, testing will be sent out to a partner laboratory for testing as needed.

Vaginal and Endocervical Swabs

Swabs collected in the Cepheid Xpert Vaginal/Endocervical collection system Trichomonas PCR testing will be tested as usual. In the case of reagent backorder, these specimens will be held until reagent supply is replenished.

Urine Specimens

Effective immediately, specimens collected in the physician offices should be submitted in a sterile collection container. Please discontinue the in-office transfer of specimen to the Xpert Urine Specimen Collection kit supplied to some offices by Beaumont Laboratory. Transport specimens to the laboratory refrigerated (2-8°C or 36-46°F). Laboratory staff will transfer the specimen to the appropriate transport media at the time of receipt in the laboratory.

In the case of reagent backorder, testing will be performed by the partner laboratory. The ordered test code will be cancelled by Beaumont Laboratory staff and reordered to the Sendout test code automatically.

If you have questions or are awaiting test results after an extended delay, please contact your Client Services Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy: 1-800-551-0488; Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne: 1-800-245-3725; Option 1

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