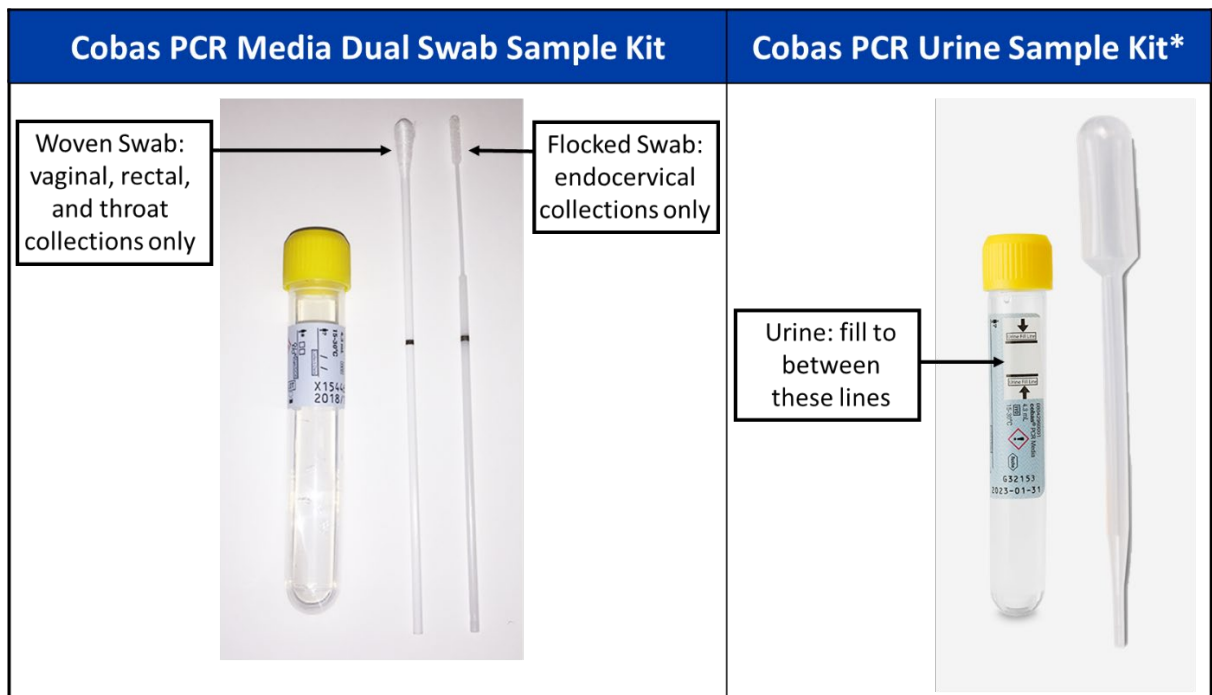


Trichomonas Collection Device Update

Effective Date: October 24, 2023

In the United States, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomonas are some of the most common and treatable sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Patients at high risk for contracting an STD are often tested for all three organisms. To simplify the collection process and provide a better patient experience, Beaumont Laboratory will be moving to a single collection device. Orders for *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, and *Trichomonas vaginalis* can now all be collected in **Cobas PCR media** that stabilizes nucleic acids up to 12 months at room temperature or refrigerated. These collection kits are now available through Beaumont Laboratory and allow for greater flexibility in specimen collection, storage, and submission, while ensuring optimal test performance.



*Urine should be transferred to the Cobas PCR media as soon as possible. Unpreserved urine should only be submitted if Cobas PCR media is not readily available.

If you have questions, please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department.

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