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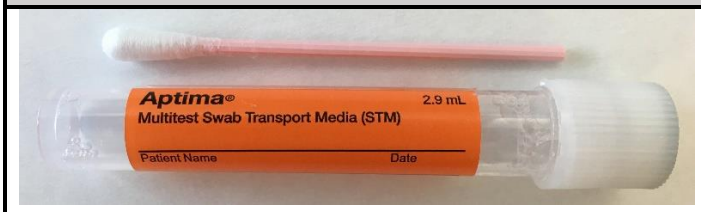
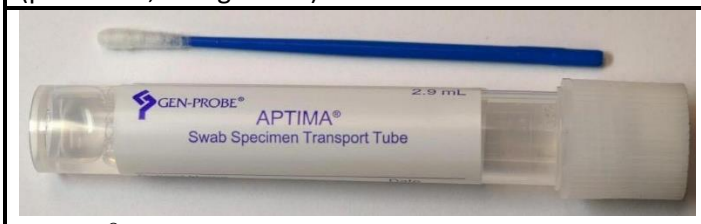
Acceptable Aptima® Collection Containers for *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Trichomonas vaginalis* nucleic acid testing (Calgary Zone)

APTIMA® swabs and urine collection kits for *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT), *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) and *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV) nucleic acid testing supply chain interruptions may result in order substitutions.

- Quantities of certain collection kits may be limited or unavailable and may be replaced with an alternate collection kit. (i.e. 50 Unisex swabs are ordered and the clinic may receive 10 Unisex and 40 Multitest swabs).

- Below is a summary of the collection swab kits and acceptable sources for *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT), *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) and *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV) nucleic acid testing in the Calgary Zone:

Swab Collection Kits		Cervix	Urethra	Vagina	Throat	Rectum	Eye
 APTIMA® MULTITEST SWAB COLLECTION KIT (pink swab, orange label)	**CT/GC**			✓	✓	✓	✓
	TV			✓			
 APTIMA® UNISEX SWAB COLLECTION KIT (blue swab, white label)	**CT/GC**	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	TV	✓	✓				

- One swab can be collected for CT/GC and TV.

- Clinician-collected vaginal swabs with Multitest kits have similar performance to clinician-collected cervical swabs collected with Unisex swabs.

- If urogenital testing is required for a symptomatic or high-risk female patient, and a swab is unavailable, a first-catch urine can be ordered or collected instead of a vaginal, cervical, or urethral swab. First-catch urine samples are the preferred specimen for men (symptomatic and asymptomatic).

- Patients can continue to provide first-catch urine samples for CT/GC in the clinic or at Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) Patient Service Centers.

- Sensitivity and specificity of urine and swab sources can be found on the APL test directory: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/webapps/labservices/indexAPL.asp?id=6089&tests=&zoneid=1&details=true

- For more information for CT/GC/TV nucleic acid testing and collection instructions refer to the APL Test Directory for Calgary Zone: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/webapps/labservices/indexAPL.asp?zoneid=1&SearchText=&submit=Submit+Query&upperTest=-1&lowerTest=-1