






## CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICAL BULLETIN

To: Physicians, Advanced Practice Clinicians, Residents  
Date: September 3, 2025  
Subject: **Aptima Tube Use Guidelines**

This is a reminder of the necessity to ensure the correct Aptima collection tube is being used, when ordering the various GC/CT/Trichomonas/Vaginitis tests. Please note that these are the only collection tubes allowed for each of the tests listed below, and any test submitted in an incorrect collection tube will be rejected, and the test cancelled.

This information is also included in the ordering, and collection, information in EPIC.

The table below outlines the proper tube/swab for the test ordered. All Aptima tubes are available from the BMC Laboratory.

LAB2106A	Quest Vaginitis Panel (Lactobacillus, Gardnerella, Atopobium, Candida species group, and Trichomonas)		Multitest, ORANGE LABEL, pink swab
LAB1376	In-house Chlamydia and GC testing for Vaginal, Throat, and Rectal Swab Specimens		
LAB1376, LAB1018	In-house Chlamydia, GC testing FOR URINE SPECIMENS		Urine, YELLOW LABEL, pipet
LAB4848M	Quest Trichomonas testing URINE		
LAB1376	In-house Chlamydia, GC and Trich testing for cervix and urethra		Unisex, white label, blue swab

Please contact Customer Service (607-547-3700) with questions. Thank you.