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REMINDER: USE APTIMA TRANSPORT FOR CT/NG/TV

The MLabs Microbiology Laboratory implemented the Hologic APTIMA assay for ***Chlamydia trachomatis (CT)***, ***Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG)***, and ***Trichomonas vaginalis (Tv)*** effective August 9, 2016 (see [MLabs Test Update 589](#)). The APTIMA Unisex Swab, Vaginal Swab, and Urine Collection Kit replace BD ProbeTec (Viper) transports. Please contact MLabs Client Services at 734-936-2598 or 800-862-7284 to order supplies or for additional information.

Note the specimen of choice for screening for Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG) in females is a clinician collected or self-collected vaginal swab. (Female endocervical or male urethral specimens should be collected using the APTIMA Unisex Swab).

MLabs does not accept ThinPrep Pap test vials for CT and NG testing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 6, 2016

TEST METHODOLOGY CHANGE

Androstenedione, Serum

Order Code: ANDRO
LOINC: 1854-9
Fee Code: 36515

Androstenedione testing will move from a Chemiluminescent to an LC-MS test methodology effective September 6, 2016. There will be no change to specimen collection and handling requirements. Reference ranges will change as follows; an interpretive comment will no longer be used:

Reference Range:

0-17 yrs: no established reference range;
Males (18-150 yrs): 0.4 – 1.5 ng/mL;
Females (18-150 yrs): 0.3 – 2.0 ng/mL.

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TEST METHODOLOGY CHANGE

Lamotrigine

Order Code: LAMOT
LOINC: 6948-4
Fee Code: 2534

Lamotrigine testing will move from an HPLC to an LC-MS test methodology effective September 6, 2016. There will be no change to specimen collection and handling requirements or to the reference range.



EFFECTIVE DATE: August 29, 2016

TEST DOWN STATUS

Pecan, IgE

Order Code: PCAN
Fee Code: 21402

As noted in [MLabs Test Update 592](#), Pecan IgE testing is currently down. To prevent further delays in testing, samples that had been saved in the Chemistry Laboratory since the test down August 15, 2016, were forwarded to Mayo Medical Laboratories on September 6, 2016.