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Dear OSPHL Clients,

This letter serves as notice to facilities submitting Chlamydia and Gonorrhea (CT/GC) specimens, that the Aptima Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit has been replaced by the Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.

What is changing?

The Hologic Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit (orange label tube, pink shaft swab) has replaced the Hologic Aptima Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit (orange label tube, pink shaft swab). Please select the Multitest Swab (Vaginal) Collection Kit on the Stockroom Order Form 71-54.

What is not changing?

In addition to the new Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit, the OSPHL will continue to accept your test specimens submitted using the Aptima Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit. Only specimen sources and methods detailed in the OSPHL Instructions for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea (CT/GC) Testing found on our website at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/LABORATORYSERVICES/Documents/OSPHL-CTGC-Instructions.pdf> are acceptable for testing at the OSPHL.

Please note: the Multitest Swab Collection Kit is used only when collecting a vaginal specimen. The Unisex Collection Kit, informally known as the "Multipurpose" Specimen Collection Kit (white label tube, blue shaft swab), is used when collecting endocervical, pharyngeal, rectal and urethral sources.

If you have questions about this information, please contact the OSPHL Virology section microbiologists at 503-693-4100, or me at [christina.m.serrano@dhs.oha.state.or.us](mailto:christina.m.serrano@dhs.oha.state.or.us) or 503-693-4124.

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