

***Trichomonas* Culture – Discontinued**

Effective Date: May 2, 2017

Trichomonas culture will be replaced by *Trichomonas vaginalis* by PCR. This new test will NOT replace the “wet-prep” and “*Trichomonas* antigen” tests used for urgent care settings.

Advantages of the new test include:

- Superior test sensitivity (approximately 95%)
- Faster turn-around-time (24-48 hours)
- Ability to test urine (male or female) and endocervical/vaginal swab specimens.
- Patients will no longer be required to travel to specific Beaumont facilities to have their specimen inoculated into Diamond’s culture media to maintain organism viability.

Specimen Collection:

- Urine: 8mL minimum volume in a sterile screw-capped container, refrigerated (2-8°C or 36-46°F)
- Swab (vaginal/cervical): Maintain swab in viral transport medium (UVT, UTM), refrigerated (2-8°C or 36-46°F)
 - NOT acceptable: Amies eSwab

New Test Order:

1. *Trichomonas vaginalis* by PCR (CPT Code: 87661)
2. Order Codes: EPIC: LAB7076; SOFT: ITVG

Discontinued Test Order:

1. Culture, *Trichomonas*
2. Order Codes: EPIC: LAB5505; SOFT: CXTRI
3. Test results available within 4 days
4. Test sensitivity approximately 50%

If you have questions, please contact Client Services (1-800-551-0488, option 5).

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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