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Laboratory Bulletin

Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae Detection by Nucleic Acid Amplification

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There is currently a nationwide shortage of chlamydia and gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification test kits and collection devices. This shortage is projected to last until December and will impact the amount of testing available for chlamydia and gonorrhea. While Beaumont Laboratory works through the shortage, we urge providers to limit asymptomatic chlamydia and gonorrhea screening by only testing individuals at high-risk for disease. Only the following individuals should be prioritized for asymptomatic screening:

- Asymptomatic women <25 years of age; pregnant women; and women ≥25 years of age at risk (e.g. new sex partner, more than one sex partner, a sex partner with concurrent partners, or a sex partner who has an STI)
- Asymptomatic men who have sex with men (MSM)

By reducing the the amount of asymptomatic screening, Beaumont Laboratory can continue to provide testing for the majority of our patient population. For more information on test shortages and additional measures to limit chlamydia and gonorrhea testing please visit https://www.cdc.gov/std/general/DCL-Diagnostic-Test-Shortage.pdf.

In an attempt to optimize reagent utilization, we may need to adjust batch sizes and run schedules which could lead to extended delays in TAT for some orders.

If you have questions, please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy: 800-551-0488 or 248-551-1155, Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne: 800-245-3725, Option 1

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

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