

***Chlamydia trachomatis* Culture – Test Discontinued**

Effective Date: December 1, 2016

Effective immediately, Founding Beaumont (Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak, Troy) will discontinue *Chlamydia trachomatis* Culture due to our inability to obtain the necessary testing supplies.

The replacement test will be *Chlamydia trachomatis* by nucleic acid amplification:

- Order Code(s): EPIC (LAB6532) SOFT (ICTG)
- Collect swab specimen in viral transport media (UVT or UTM) and maintain refrigerated.
- Testing can be performed on any specimen source normally submitted for culture (cervical, endocervical, urethral, eye, etc.)
- Testing is performed Monday-Saturday, results available within 24 hours.

Special Notes:

- Patient specimens will **not** be forwarded to another laboratory – *Chlamydia trachomatis* is very labile and false negative culture test results will occur.
- Nucleic acid amplification (NAA) is the preferred testing option for *Chlamydia trachomatis*, and provides the most sensitive and accurate test results.
- For genital specimens, if *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* testing is also needed, order the following:
 - *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by NAA
 - Order Code(s): EPIC (LAB6531) SOFT (ICNG)
 - Collect swab specimen in viral transport media (UVT or UTM) and maintain refrigerated.
 - Testing is performed Monday-Saturday, results available within 24 hours.
 - If “Culture, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*” is needed for test-of-cure, refer to the laboratory test directory for specific instructions.

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

Internal URL to Laboratory Bulletins:

http://employee.beaumont.edu/portal/pls/portal/ip30dev.page_pkg.page?xid=lab_bulletins

External URL to Laboratory Bulletins:

<http://beaumontlaboratory.com/hospitals-laboratories-three/test-information-center/laboratory-bulletins/>

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

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