

Health Care Provider Bulletin

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UPDATES TO CHLAMYDIA/GONORRHEA TEST REQUESTS AT LIFELABS

Dear Health Care Providers,

Effective June 2nd, 2024, single test requests for detection of Chlamydia (CT) or Gonorrhea (NG) cannot be performed. Our current testing process performs molecular testing for the qualitative detection of CT and NG on the Hologic Panther system using the Aptima Combo 2™ Assay. The Aptima Combo 2™ Assay tests CT and NG simultaneously from a single specimen (i.e., one collection kit/specimen) and requests for CT or NG individually by NAAT can no longer be performed. Single test requests will not be rejected but will be tested with the Aptima Combo 2™ Assay and include **both** CT and NG results.

Additionally, Public Health Agency of Canada's current recommendation to health professionals is to collect specimens for **both** CT and NG due to high rates of co-infection.

This change will not impact requests for culture of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, these requests will continue to be honoured as required.

For any questions, please contact LifeLabs Customer Care Center 1-877-849-3637.