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## Changes to trichomonas vaginalis testing

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### Overview

- Effective **December 3, 2018** LifeLabs BC is changing testing methodology for *Trichomonas vaginalis* to NAAT (nucleic acid amplification) testing.
- Trichomonas antigen testing by EIA will be **discontinued**.

**Important:** Samples submitted to LifeLabs for trichomonas testing must be either urine (male or female) or on an APTIMA swab.

**Note:** This is the same collection system used for chlamydia/gonorrhea testing. Trichomonas and chlamydia/gonorrhea testing can now be performed on a single specimen.

### Collection Changes

- Effective December 3, 2018, please submit urine or an APTIMA swab for trichomonas testing (same collection as for chlamydia/gonorrhea).
- Testing can now be performed on males and females.
- Testing for trichomonas cannot be performed using samples collected with the red topped Liquid Amies swab.

### Ordering Supplies

Health care providers may order supplies through our Courier Department

1. Lower mainland and BC Region 604-412-4481 (Option #1 for supplies)
2. Vancouver Island 1-250-881-3111 ext 72124 or fax 1-250-727-0344

Please contact the LifeLabs Client Information Centre 1-800-431-7206 for all inquiries.