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Update – “NEW” Collection Kits for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* for the Roche cobas® CT/NG v2.0 Test

Effective Date: August 1, 2016

Performing Department: Flow Cytometry / Molecular Pathology

Effective August 1, 2016 TMF will begin using the Roche cobas® 4800 system for CT/NG testing. This transition will necessitate a change in the collection kits used for the collection of endocervical, vaginal and urine specimens.

The **cobas®** PCR Female Swab Sample Kit (SBMF # S1034) will be used to collect and transport endocervical and vaginal swab specimens. Vaginal specimens may be provider-collected or self-collected.



The **cobas®** PCR Urine Sample Kit (SBMF # S1035) will be used to collect and transport urine specimens from both men and women. In men, the first catch urine sample is equivalent to, and in some situations superior to, urethral swabs, and is the preferred specimen. **There is no validated collection system for this test that uses male urethral swabs.**



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