

# Testing Update & Swab Reference

Memo From the Laboratory

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Effective January 26, 2026, there will be changes to laboratory ordering and specimen collection for vaginitis testing.

## Routine Outpatient Testing

For routine outpatient evaluations, please order [Vaginitis Panel-Routine Aptima](#). This panel includes:

- Bacterial vaginosis
- *Candida* species
- *Trichomonas vaginalis*

In addition, the following new routine testing options are available:

- [Bacterial Vaginosis, RNA](#)
- [Candida/Trichomonas Vaginitis, RNA](#)
- [Trichomonas vaginalis, RNA](#)
- [Mycoplasma genitalium, RNA](#)
- [STI Panel \(Symptomatic\) – Unisex urine or vaginal Aptima Multitest swab \(includes GC, Chlamydia and Trichomonas\)](#)
  - Note: STI Panel (Symptomatic) should not be ordered with the Vaginitis Panel as they have overlapping components.

All routine tests listed above can be performed using **one specimen**: the **Aptima Multitest Swab**.



## Inpatient and Emergency Department (STAT) Testing

For STAT vaginitis testing in the inpatient or Emergency Department setting, please continue to order [Vaginal Panel DNA \(STAT ER/Inpatient Only\)](#), which provides an approximately 1-hour turnaround time.

## Ordering Support

Custom views for Cerner ordering providers will be implemented to reduce ordering errors and support appropriate test selection. For collection guidance, see our [Swab Reference Guide](#) on the [BVHS Laboratory Test Directory](#).

## Tests No Longer Recommended

The following tests are no longer recommended for ordering:

- *Mycoplasma hominis*, PCR (Mayo)
- *Ureaplasma* species, PCR (Mayo)