



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4th, 2023

To: San Francisco Public Health Laboratory Submitters

From: San Francisco Public Health Laboratory (SFDPHL)

Re: Specimen collection kit for Rectal and Pharyngeal sources for *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Mycoplasma genitalium*.

BACKGROUND

On May 23rd, 2019, Hologic, the manufacturer of our nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for the detection of sexually transmitted infections, received FDA approval for the use of the Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit for throat and rectal specimen sources. Before that date, the San Francisco Public Health Laboratory validated the unisex collection swab for rectal and throat sources.

Recommendations for Submitters

Starting October 1st, 2023, the San Francisco Public Health Laboratory will **NO LONGER** accept rectal and throat specimen sources collected on the **Aptima unisex swabs**.

For the most up to date information about specimen collection for CT/GC, please visit our <https://www.sfdcpc.org/public-health-lab/laboratory-test-menu/>

For questions or concerns please call the San Francisco Public Health Laboratory at 415-554-2800.

Sincerely,

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