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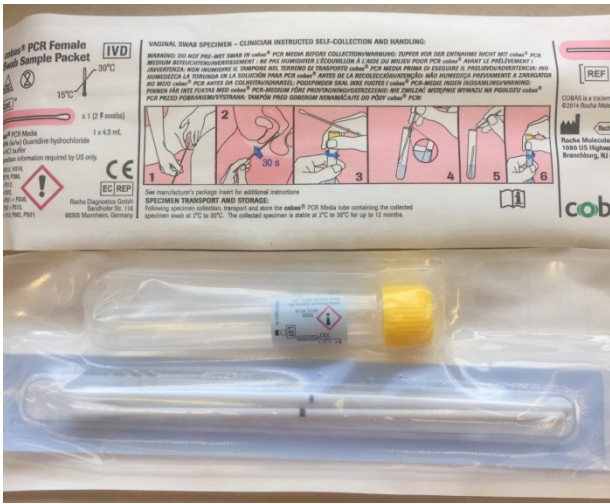
ANNOUNCING CHANGE FOR CT / NG PCR SWAB COLLECTION KITS

As of June 10th swab collection kits for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea (CT/NG) PCR testing will change. The vendor of the CT/NG assay used at Methodist has discontinued the current double swab kits. The replacement kits consist of a single swab, and are intended for vaginal collections only (not endocervical). **This change will effectively eliminate endocervical swabs as an acceptable specimen for CT/NG PCR testing.** The urine collection kits will remain unchanged.

The current collection kits will continue to be accepted until their expiration dates or until supplies are exhausted, whichever is earlier.

The CDC guidelines for STD screening state that vaginal swabs are the preferred specimen type for females. Vaginal swabs are also more sensitive than endocervical swabs for the CTNG assay used at Methodist (98.2% for clinician-collected vaginal swabs and 97.6% for self-collected vaginal swabs versus 94.9% for endocervical swabs).

Please direct any questions to Dr. Tess Karre, Director of Microbiology (4-4578).



Current Kit- Discontinued
Double swab including cleaning swab
 Used for:
 Vaginal (self or clinician collected)
 Endocervical



New Kit
Single swab
 Used for:
 Vaginal (self or clinician collected)