

## Client Communication

# STD SWAB Testing Updates

## Effective January 23, 2023

Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (PathLabs) is in the process of making updates to the Reporting Titles and Result Code Descriptions of the STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Swab Testing for *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT), *Neisseria gonorrhoea* (NG), and *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV). The updates are based on changes being made by our reference laboratory partner, Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL), a Sonic Healthcare USA, Inc. affiliate in Austin, Texas. These updates will be effective at PathLabs beginning Monday, January 23, 2023, as disclosed in the chart provided herein.

**The test updates include changes for certain tests in the following areas:**

- Name Updates
- Methodology Comment
- Revised Order Code Reporting Titles
- Revised Result Code Descriptions
- Inactivated Code

### Name Updates

Effective Monday, January 9, 2023, CPL will expand its STD testing to two (2) platforms as specified:

Hologic Aptima® Transcription-Mediated Amplification (TMA) platform  
(*current*)

Roche COBAS® 6800/8800 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) platform  
(*newly implemented*)

## Client Communication

Due to the platform expansion, which provides CPL with increased capability, test names are being edited to NAAT (Nucleic-Acid Amplification Technology), which includes both PCR and TMA technologies.

Order codes will remain the same for STD tests.

### Methodology Comment

As a result of stated platform expansion, two (2) methodologies are utilized for STD testing. **A new comment will appear in the patient's report indicating the Methodology used as shown below:**

	Current	New
Testing Platform	Hologic Aptima®	Roche COBAS® 6800/8800
Methodology	Transcription-Mediated Amplification and Target Capture (TMA)	Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

As PathLabs expands its own internal test menu for STD Swab Testing later this year, the new Roche COBAS® 6800 platform will be offered.

The enclosed listing, alphabetized by test, contains specific information as to the modification. All changes are marked as **bright blue**.

### Updated Order Codes - Name Changes

Order Code	Reporting Title	Result Code	Description
38777	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b>	99016	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b>
99016	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b>	990250 18741	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE:
1997	CHLAMYDIA/N. GONORRHEA, <b>NAAT</b>	990250 990251 18741	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b> <b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE:
1994	CHLAMYDIA/N. GONORRHEA/T. VAGINALIS, <b>NAAT, ENDOCX SWAB</b>	990250 18741 990251 18741 200701	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE: <b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE: TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT,</b> ENDOCX SWAB
2008	CHLAMYDIA/N. GONORRHEA/T. VAGINALIS, <b>NAAT, MALE</b>	990250 18741 990251	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE: <b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b>

## Client Communication

### Updated Order Codes - Name Changes (continued)

Order Code	Reporting Title	Result Code	Description
2008 <i>(continued)</i>	CHLAMYDIA/N. GONORRHEA/T. VAGINALIS, <b>NAAT</b> , MALE <i>(continued)</i>	18741 200201 200202	SOURCE: TRICHOMONAS, NAAT, MALE SOURCE
2009	CHLAMYDIA/N. GONORRHEA/T. VAGINALIS, <b>NAAT</b> , VAGINAL SWAB	990250 18741 990251 18741 200601	CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT</b> , <b>SWAB</b> SOURCE: <b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE: TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT</b> , VAG SWAB
38778	GONORRHEA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b>	99017	<b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b>
99017	GONORRHEA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b>	990251 18741	<b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b> SOURCE:
38792	SIMPLESWAB COMPREHENSIVE PANEL	3877410 387742 387744 387746 3877415 387748 3877416 3877417 3877418 3877419 3877420 387751 387752 387753 387754 387755 387756 38776 99016 99017 387911 387912 387910 387913	BACT VAGINOSIS RESULT LACTOBACILLUS SPP. GARDNERELLA VAGINALIS ATOPOBIUM VAGINAE BVAB2 MEGASPHAERA SPP. MOBILUNCUS CURTISII MOBILUNCUS MULIERIS PREVOTELLA BIVIA LACTOBACILLUS INERS SPECIMEN CANDIDA ALBICANS CANDIDA GLABRATA CANDIDA PARAPSILOSIS CANDIDA TROPICALIS CANDIDA KRUSEI SPECIMEN TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT</b> , <b>VAG SWAB</b> CHLAMYDIA, <b>NAAT, SWAB</b> <b>GONORRHEA, NAAT, SWAB</b> HSV 1 HSV 2 SOURCE SPECIMEN

## Client Communication

### Updated Order Codes - Name Changes (continued)

Order Code	Reporting Title	Result Code	Description
2007	TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT</b> , ENDOCX SWAB	200701	TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT</b> , ENDOCX SWAB
2002	TRICHOMONAS, NAAT, MALE SWAB	200201 200202	TRICHOMONAS, NAAT, MALE SOURCE
2006	TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT, VAG</b> SWAB	200601	TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT, VAG</b> SWAB
38776	TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT, VAG SWAB</b>	38776	TRICHOMONAS, <b>NAAT, VAG SWAB</b>

### Inactivated Order Code

Order Code	Reporting Title	Replacement Code
38856	CT/NG, AMPLIFIED, SIMPLESWAB	<b>1997</b>

Our online test directory will be updated to reflect this information on January 23, 2023.

This Client Communication will be posted to our website for reference.

Please review the information and make changes as applicable to your practice/facility. If you have any questions, please contact our Client Service Department at 419-255-4601/800-281-8804 or your account executive. Thank you.

**NOTE:** CPT codes are provided for information only, and are based on Pathology Laboratories' current understanding of Medicare rules and carrier instructions and in accordance with the current issue of physicians' current procedural terminology (CPT), published by the American Medical Association. Medicare coding may differ from coding used by other third party payers. Questions regarding coding should be confirmed with the payer being billed. Pathology Laboratories cannot accept responsibility for the reimbursement clients may or may not receive based on the procedure codes provided.