

Memorandum

To: Doctors and Nurses collecting genital specimens
From: Dr Chris Mansell Microbiology Dept
cc: Waikato Hospital microbiology and molecular laboratories
Date: 23 April 2015

SUBJECT: Trichomonas testing

Action (if required):

From 19 April 2015 testing for *Trichomonas vaginalis* will be done by nucleic acid amplification test (PCR) as a panel of three, with *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoea*. This will detect about twice as many positive *Trichomonas* positives as the microscopy method it replaces.

A sample sent for trichomonas, chlamydia or gonorrhoea will get all three tests.

Please send one Abbott Multicollect tube (orange top) to screen for all three organisms. Suitable samples are male and female first catch urine samples, urethral swabs, vaginal and cervical swabs.



Trichomonas testing will no longer be performed on swabs sent in bacteriological transport medium (purple top swabs).

A purple top bacterial swab is still needed for Group B Strep, bacterial vaginosis or yeast culture are required.