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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Limited Availability of Trichomonas Vaginalis PCR Urine Testing

Due to continued supply chain interruptions, UnityPoint Health Central Illinois is on limited allocation for Trichomonas Vaginalis Urine PCR (LAB6460) testing for Male and Female patients. Testing availability will be based on reagent supply on an ongoing basis until further notice.

As of the date of this letter, Central Illinois Laboratory does not have any reagent available for testing on specimens currently in lab. For testing requests that have already been received, ordering locations will be notified via phone of the delay. The most recent estimated delivery of reagent on 6/25/2021 has yet to be fulfilled. We are working closely with the vendor to secure reagents as soon as possible for future testing.

For Testing ordered on or after 7/15/2021 our laboratory will perform testing when able based on the date the specimen was collected. We will make every attempt to perform testing on specimens submitted, however given the uncertainty of supply, some specimens may exceed stability before testing can be performed. In this event, laboratory will notify the ordering facility of the cancellation. Refrigerated specimens in Gene Xpert Urine Transport tubes are stable for 28 days from collection.

If it is determined that testing is necessary and a specimen will be collected, please make the patient aware that there will be a delay in results and of the potential for testing to be cancelled due to national shortages.

Alternative testing for female patients:

As an alternative to Trichomonas Vaginalis PCR Urine on female patients, a vaginal exam with Vaginal Pathogens Profile (LAB2981) can be performed and ordered. Collect specimen using BD Affirm VPIII collection swab. This testing includes Candida Species, Gardnerella Vaginalis, and Trichomonas Vaginalis. Please see our test directory for additional information about this test.

Currently, there is no alternative for male testing.

Please contact our Customer Services team at 309-672-4911 if you have any questions.