



Change to Specimen Collection Devices for Rectal and Pharyngeal STI Testing

Offering our clients state-of-the-art testing is part of CPL's ongoing commitment to excellence.

Effective 10/28/2019, Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) will no longer accept the blue Hologic Unisex Swab Collection Kit for rectal or pharyngeal samples. From this date forward, the orange Hologic Multitest Swab Collection Kit (also known as "SimpleSwab") will be the only acceptable collection device for the following *C. trachomatis* (CT) and/or *N. gonorrhoeae* (NG) tests:

Unit Code	Test Name
3755	CT/NG, Rectal <u>and</u> Pharyngeal (submit two swabs, sources marked)
3770	CT/NG, Rectal <u>or</u> Pharyngeal (submit one swab, source marked)



Between now and 10/28/2019, submission of specimens using either of these collection kits will be accepted, but please be aware that specimens collected after 10/28/2019 should only be submitted using the orange Multitest Collection Kit Swabs. *The blue Unisex Swabs are still required for endocervical and male urethral samples, particularly as the device includes a female cleaning swab.*

Please contact your Account Representative or your local CPL supply department to obtain the orange Multitest swabs as needed for the changes described above.

NOTE: This change is being made as a result of recent FDA clearance of the Multitest Swab Collection Kit for this testing which was formerly performed on the Unisex Swab based on validations conducted by CPL.

Order Codes:	3755, 3770, 3771, 3772
Test Method:	Transcription-mediated amplification (TMA)
Specimen Requirements:	Rectal / Pharyngeal specimen obtained with Hologic Multitest Swab
Specimen Rejection Criteria:	Hologic Unisex Swab
Transport Temperature / Stability:	Refrigerated or room temperature, 2 months
Performed:	Monday through Friday
Analytic Time:	1 - 2 Days
Reference Range:	Negative
CPT Codes:	87491, 87591

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