

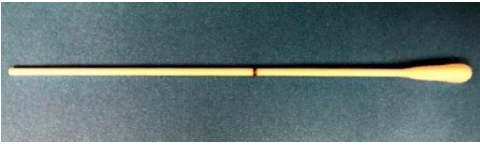



Care New England

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Dear Care New England Healthcare Providers:

The Microbiology Department at Women and Infants Hospital is implementing a new female swab collection kit for **Chlamydia and N. gonorrhoea PCR assay**. Effective immediately, the old kits will no longer be provided. We are continuing to provide PCR testing via Roche cobas® PCR methodology. The test orderable remains the same.

New Kit	<u>Endocervical</u> specimen	<u>Vaginal</u> specimen
One bigger woven polyester swab 	Clean cervix and discard	Obtain specimen and send for testing
One smaller flocked swab 	Obtain endocervical specimen and send for testing	Discard

Please submit only one swab per test.

Instructions with pictorials are contained in each of the new test kits. If you have any questions, please contact:

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