IMPORTANT CLINICAL LABORATORY MEMORANDUM

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To: CAMC Providers
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TOPIC: DVAG (Affirm) being replaced by VAGINITIS PANEL

EFFECTIVE: 7/26/2022

On Tuesday July 26th, 2022, the CAMC Microbiology Lab at Memorial will begin performing a new molecular test for vaginitis called the Max Vaginal Panel by BD. The new test will be orderable as the Vaginitis Panel with the abbreviation of BDMVP (on label).

This test is replacing the DVAG (BD Affirm/Vaginal Pathogens DNA Probe). The Vaginitis Panel detects and differentiates the three most common infectious causes of vaginitis - Trichomonas vaginalis, Candida species (with independent results for C. krusei and C. glabrata) and Bacterial Vaginosis (BV).

There is a new collection swab/kit for this test (see image below).

Please contact Lisa Brown (304-388-9435) or Marilyn Zimmerman (304-388-5513) in the Microbiology Lab for questions or if collection training is desired. Please contact the Microbiology Lab for collection supplies at 304-388-9353.
VAGINITIS PANEL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Important Note: DO NOT USE LUBRICANTS.

BD Molecular Swab Collection Kit:
Vaginal swab specimen clinician collection and transfer procedure

Clinician collection procedure

1. Collect swab prior to pelvic, speculum, or bimanual exam.
2. Gently slide the swab no more than 2 inches (5 cm) into the vagina. Do not use lubricants or other products containing substances such as carbomers.
3. Rotate the swab for 10 to 15 seconds.
4. Withdraw the swab without touching the skin outside the vagina.

Swab-to-tube transfer procedure

Specimens collected using the BD Molecular Collection Swab must be transferred to the BD Molecular Swab Sample Buffer Tube immediately after collection.

To transfer the sample

1. Unscrew the cap of the BD Molecular Swab Sample Buffer Tube, taking care not to contaminate the contents or the outside of the tube. Immediately after collection, insert the BD Molecular Collection Swab into the tube so that the score mark indicated by the black line is at the lip of the tube.
2. Carefully break the shaft at the score mark and allow the swab to drop into the tube.
3. Tightly re-cap the tube.
4. Label tube with patient information, date, and time collected. Be careful not to obscure the barcodes on the tube.