

Covenant HealthCare Laboratory Services

Important Update

June 19, 2006

Covenant HealthCare Laboratory Services will be changing protocol for the WET PREP test on June 26, 2006.

Currently when requesting a WET PREP for interpretation of *trichomonas*, *garderella*, and *candida*, a manual slide test is performed and read under the microscope. Our current technology will be upgraded to a DNA probe test providing increased sensitivity and specificity for identification of these microorganisms beginning June 26, 2006.

Collection devices for this test are different than the current collection device used for the WET PREP.

- For inpatient/ECC collection devices, please call the Microbiology Lab at 583-6755.
- For outpatient collection kits, please contact our Marketing Representative, Nan Harden at 583-6727.

The mnemonic for ordering this test is VAGDNA.

Inpatient specimens must be received in the laboratory within 1 hour of collection.

STAT turn-around-time for this test is 1 hour from the specimen received time.

Any questions regarding these changes please contact Michelle Ashley, Manager, Laboratory Services, 583-6726, or Dr. Nicholas Hruby, Pathologist, 583-6703.