

Due to the wide spread use of these collection devices, there is a national shortage of Aptima® Unisex collection devices used primarily for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and/or Trichomonas laboratory testing. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the vendor that supplies the product, Hologic®, diverted their supply chain resources to COVID-19 reagents and collection supplies. Hologic® is working on fulfilling backorders for the Aptima® Unisex collection kits but has not been able to meet the demand across the nation. The current Unisex collection kit is pictured below:



Alternative collection devices for Chlamydia and/or Gonorrhea testing include:

- Provider may collect a urine specimen vs. an endocervical (female) or urethral (male) specimen. The urine would need to be transferred to the urine Aptima® tube for transport to ACL Laboratories.
- Provider may collect an endocervical (Pap) specimen using the ThinPrep® Pap collection kit for female patients. This specimen would then be transferred to a testing tube at one of ACL's Central Laboratories in either Wisconsin or Illinois.

Supply Ordering information is indicated in the chart below.

Item Description	Lawson Number	IREQ Number
KIT Unisex Specimen Collection, Aptima™ – Limited Supply	418555	323033
KIT, Aptima™ Combo2 Urine Specimen Collection	418554	324016
ThinPrep® Pap kit (broom)	994592	531087
ThinPrep® Pap kit (brush/spatula)	19442	243447

For additional information regarding specimen collection devices for Chlamydia and/or Gonorrhea testing, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016 or visit our website at acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/.