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Discontinuation of Wet Prep Microscopy for *Trichomonas vaginalis*

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Effective June 3, 2024 the use of wet prep microscopy for the detection of *Trichomonas vaginalis* (Test Code: WET) will be discontinued at all Marshfield Clinic laboratories. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends the use of Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT) for the detection of *Trichomonas vaginalis*, due to the low sensitivity (50-60%) of microscopy¹. NAAT testing for *Trichomonas vaginalis* can be ordered as a standalone test (Test Code: TRICNAM) or as part of the Vaginitis Panel (Test Code: VAGNAT).

¹Vaginitis in Nonpregnant Patients. January 2020. ACOG Practice Bulletin: Volume 135 No. 1.

Questions

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