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## Trichomonas vaginalis, Nucleic Acid Amplification, Varies

**Test ID:** TVRNA

**Explanation:** Due to recent changes in FDA-approval of certain sources on the testing platform, the accepted sources for this test will be updated to the following:

Current Specimen Required	New Specimen Required
Endocervix/Cervix Vaginal ThinPrep Specimen (Endocervix/Cervix)	Endocervix/Cervix Vaginal ThinPrep Specimen (Endocervix/Cervix) <b>Urine</b>

Note: For non-FDA approved sources, please refer to the alternative below.

**Recommended Alternative Test:**

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**Correction:** The collection instructions for the alternative test below (MTRNA) have been updated to remove “urine” as a potential source type.

**Test ID:** MTRNA

**Methodology:**

Transcription Mediated Amplification

**Reference Values:**

Negative

**Specimen Requirements:**

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Post-prostatic massage fluid (VBIII)

Supplies: Aptima Urine Transport Tube (T582)

Container/Tube: Aptima Urine Specimen Transport Tube

Specimen Volume: 15 to 20 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.
2. Patient should void a small amount of urine prior to prostatic massage. Pre-massage urine can be discarded or submitted for other testing as applicable.
3. Patient then ceases voiding and a prostatic massage is performed by the urologist or other health care professional.
4. Collect post-massage fluid into a sterile, plastic, preservative-free container.
5. Transfer 2 mL of post-massage fluid specimen into the Aptima urine specimen transport tube using the disposable pipette provided within 24 hours of collection. The correct volume of fluid has been added when the fluid level is between the black fill lines on the Aptima urine transport tube.

Specimen Type: Urethral (male only)

Supplies: Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit (T583)

Container/Tube: Aptima Unisex Swab

Specimen Volume: Swab

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Urethral specimens must be collected using an Aptima Unisex Swab Collection kit.
2. Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to collection.
3. With a rotating movement, insert swab (blue shaft) 2 to 4 cm into urethra.
4. Once inserted, rotate swab gently at least 1 full rotation using sufficient pressure to ensure swab comes into contact with all urethral surfaces. Allow swab to remain inserted for 2 to 3 seconds.
5. Place swab in the Aptima transport tube provided in collection kit. Snap off swab at score line so swab fits into closed tube.

**Specimen Stability Information:**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Refrigerated (preferred)	30 days	Aptima Vial
	Ambient	30 days	Aptima Vial

**CPT Code:**

87661

**Day(s) Performed:** Monday through Sunday

**Report Available:** 1 to 4 days

**Questions**

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