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## GEN-PROBE Releases New CT/GC Collection Kit

Dear HETL Client:

HETL is pleased to announce the availability of an **APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit**. This new collection kit is less invasive, designed for easy use and improved workflow.

Gen-Probe has added this collector kit to its current list of APTIMA® CT/GC collection kits which include APTIMA® Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit of Endocervical and Male Urethra Swabs and APTIMA® Urine Specimen Collection Kit for Male and Female Urine Specimens.

The **APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit** and testing are the same cost as the Unisex and urine collection kits. You may order them in the same fashion as you do now.

### **APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit:**

1. Clinician-collected and patient-collected applications
2. Patient preferred to invasive endocervical swab collections
3. Easy-to-follow self-collection instructions
4. Encourages testing compliance.

More specific information for clients can be found at our web site ([www.mainepublichealth.gov/lab](http://www.mainepublichealth.gov/lab)). Find the link on our home page entitled: "**APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit**" in the downloadable form section and view product information provided by Gen-Probe.

Please feel free to contact HETL bacteriology with specific question about **APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit** at 207-287-1744.

Sincerely,

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