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## CLIENT UPDATE

4-in-1 Testing from the Pap Vial

Pap, HPV, CT, NG

Beginning Monday, March 2, 2009, Salem Health Laboratories and Pacific Pathology Associates, Inc. are pleased to announce the availability of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (CT/NG) along with HPV and Pap testing out of a **single** ThinPrep or SurePath liquid-based cytology vial. This is in addition to the usual urine or cervical swab specimen currently available.

**CT/NG testing from a liquid-based cytology vial is validated only for specimens collected from a cervical source.** Cervical specimens may be submitted in liquid-based media when a Pap test and/or HPV test is desired in addition to CT/NG. Urethral or cervical swab specimens may also be submitted via the usual M4RT transport media if only CT/NG is desired. Urine may be submitted in a sterile container.

We are currently in the process of updating our cytology requisitions to include a simple “check-box” for CT/NG orders and will begin distributing the new requisitions as soon as they are available. If testing is desired before the new requisitions are available, simply write, “CT/NG testing from Pap vial,” in the test order area of the current cytology requisition.

Chlamydia is a gram negative obligate intracellular bacteria that is a leading cause of STD in the United States. There are 4 million cases annually causing PID, conjunctivitis, urethritis, epididymitis, and other conditions. Gonorrhea is caused by a gram negative diplococci resulting in urethritis in males and cervicitis in females.

Detection is performed via a PCR DNA amplification method and was validated at Salem Health Laboratory.

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