

2010 Chlamydia Testing Allocation System Guidance

**Maryland DHMH
Laboratories Administration
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UPGRADE Chlamydia NAA Test

Effective February 1, 2010

Chlamydia trachomatis (CT)/Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC) BD Qx Amplified DNA Assay
A Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)

- The acceptable specimens for the UPGRADED Chlamydia NAA test are:
 - **Urine (male and female)**
 - **Cervical/Endocervical Swab (female) - NEW**
 - **Urethral Swab (male) - NEW**

Swabs REQUIRE a NEW specimen collection kit
effective February 1, 2010

Contact the DHMH Laboratories Administration,
Specimen Mailing Assemblies (Outfit Room) at
410-767-6120 or 410-767-6121

Chlamydia Testing Allocation System for Chlamydia NAAT

Chlamydia Testing Allocation Stickers

Distribution of 2010 stickers to the County's "Sticker Steward"

Acknowledgement of Receipt

2010 Allocation stickers are yellow.

There is only **one** of each serial number.

Affix the **one** sticker to the original lab slip.

Yellow stickers are valid from Jan 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010.

P.O. FY 2010 (July 2009 – June 2010)

Please contact Mr. Kenneth Keys at keys@dhmh.state.md.us.

Please list the submitter names/sites on the P.O. request.

If you do not have an established MOU by February 15, 2010, specimens without stickers will be rejected.

Affix ONE yellow sticker

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INFECTIONIOUS AGENTS: CULTURE/DETECTION

Pre-printed address labels with ID

TYPE OR PRINT REQUIRED INFORMATION OR PLACE LABELS ON ALL FOUR COPIES

Sub: DEH OFP OMTY/PN ONOD OSTD OTB OCD OCOR

Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Contact Name: _____
Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Patient SS# (last 4 digits): _____
Last Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Maiden: _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____
Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino Unknown Sex: Male Female Transgender
Race: White African American Asian/Pacific American Indian/Alaska Native Multiracial Not Specified Other

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Therapy/Drug Treatment: No Yes Therapy/Drug Type: _____ Therapy/Drug Date: _____

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BACTERIOLOGY/MYCOLOGY Bacterial Culture - Routine Additional specimen codes: <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> Group A Strep Group B Strep Screen <i>C. difficile</i> Toxin Diphtheria Foodborne Pathogens (<i>B. cereus</i> , <i>C. perfringens</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>) Fungus Culture: Fungus Smear: Gonorrhea Culture: Incubated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Hrs. incubated: _____ MRSA (rule out) VRE (rule out)	SPECIAL BACTERIOLOGY Legionella Culture Leptospira Mycoplasma MYCOBACTERIOLOGY/AFB/TB AFB/TB Culture and Smear AFB/TB Referred Culture for ID AFB/TB Referred Culture-Sensitivities <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Referred Culture for Genotyping Nucleic Acid Amplification Test for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Complex (MTD)	RESTRICTED TESTS Pre-approved submitters only <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> /GC NAAT <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> only/NAAT Norovirus ** (see comment on back) OTHER TESTS FOR INFECTIONIOUS AGENTS Test name: _____ Prior arrangements have been made with the following DHMH Laboratories Administration employee: _____
ENTERIC INFECTIONS Campylobacter <i>E. coli</i> O157 typing Enteric Culture - Routine (Salmonella, Shigella, <i>E. coli</i> O157, Campylobacter) Salmonella typing Shigella typing <i>V. parahaemolyticus</i> Yersinia	PARASITOLOGY Blood Parasites: Country visited outside US: Ova & Parasites: Immigrant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Cryptosporidium Cyclospora/Isospora Microsporidium Pinworm	SPECIMEN CODE: PLACE CODE IN BOX NEXT TO TEST B Blood BW Bronchial Washing CSF Cerebrospinal Fluid CX Cervix/Endocervix E Eye F Feces N Nasopharynx/Nasal P Penis R Rectum SP Sputum T Throat URE Urethra UR Urine V Vagina W Wound O Other:
REFERENCE MICROBIOLOGY ABC'S (BIDS) # _____ Organism: _____ Aerobic Actinomycete for ID Bacteria Referred Culture for ID Specify: _____ Mold for ID Yeast for ID	VIRUS/CHLAMYDIA Adenovirus* Arbovirus Panel (WNV, EEEV, SLEV) <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Enterovirus (Inc. Echo & Coxsackie) Herpes Simplex Virus (Types 1 & 2) Influenza (Types A & B)* Parainfluenza (Types 1, 2 & 3)* Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)* Varicella (VZV)	*MAY INCLUDE RESPIRATORY SCREENING PANEL. Comments: _____

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ALERT

This is different from 2009

Only ONE yellow sticker required per specimen.

Specimen Collection and Submission Guidelines

Urine

**Specimen Collection and Transport
Procedures for Chlamydia NAAT**

Swab

**Specimen Collection and Transport
Procedures for Chlamydia NAAT**

URINE	<p>The specimen must be processed within 7 days of collection.</p> <p>It must reach the laboratory registration area by <u>no later than the 5th day</u> (except Friday) to be tested within the 7 day allowance.</p>
SWABS <i>endocervical</i> <i>cervical</i> <i>male urethral</i>	<p>The specimen must be processed within 30 days of collection.</p> <p>It must reach the laboratory registration area by <u>no later than the 25th day</u> (except Friday) to be tested within the 7 day allowance.</p>

**Specimens received on a Friday will not be tested until Monday
(Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday.)**

Specimen Transport

Transport to the laboratory in insulated containers with **cold packs** (2-8C)

**Do NOT transport
at ambient temperature**

URINE Specimen Collection and Transport Procedures

1. The patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.
2. Collect the urine specimen in a plastic, sterile, preservative-free, specimen collection cup.
3. The patient should collect 20-60 ml of the voided urine (**first part** of the urine stream, NOT mid-stream). Urine volume less than 2 ml or greater than 60 ml will be rejected.
4. Verify that the cap is properly aligned and tightly closed. Leaking specimens will be rejected.
5. Label the cup with the collection date and time, and the patient's name (i.e. John Doe). (Please ensure that the name on the cup exactly matches the name on the **Infectious Agents: Culture/Detection lab slip**).

6. Complete the **Infectious Agents: Culture/Detection lab slip.**

- Affix ONE Chlamydia Testing Allocation Stickers on the:
 - Original Copy Form
- Place preprinted submitter labels with DHMH Lab Administration Client ID.
- Be sure to include the source of the specimen (urine) in the box next to the test requested “Chlamydia NAAT Only.”

**Affix one
STICKER
on the
Original
forms.**



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**Exact first and last names
must also be on the
specimen container.**

INFECTIOUS AGENTS: CULTURE/DETECTION

DEH OFF DMTP/PN QNOD QSTD QTB QCD QCOR Patient SS# (last 4 digits):

Submitter: Last Name SR JR Other

Address: First Name I. S. L. A. O. Other

City: Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

State: Address

Zip Code: City

County

Contact Name: State: Zip Code

Phone #: Fax #:

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino Unknown Sex: Male Female Transgender

Race: White African American Asian/Pacific American Indian/Alaska Native Multiracial Not Specified Other

Case #: Outbreak #: Submitter Lab #:

Collect Date: Collect Time: Onset Date:

Therapy/Drug Treatment: No Yes Therapy/Drug Type: Therapy/Drug Date:

SPECIMEN CODE	SPECIMEN CODE	SPECIMEN CODE
BACTERIOLOGY/MYCOLOGY	SPECIAL BACTERIOLOGY	RESTRICTED TESTS
Bacterial Culture - Routine	Legionella Culture	Pre-approved submitters only
Additional specimen codes:	Leptospira	Chlamydia trachomatis only/NAAT
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	Mycoplasma	Adenovirus (see comment on back)
Group A Strep	MYCOBACTERIOLOGY/AFB/TB	OTHER TESTS FOR INFECTIOUS AGENTS
Group B Strep Screen	AFB/TB Culture and Smear	Test name:
<i>C. difficile</i> Toxin	AFB/TB Referred Culture for ID	Prior arrangements have been made with the following DHMH Laboratories Administration employee:
Diphtheria	AFB/TB Referred Culture-Sensitivities	
Foodborne Pathogens (<i>B. cereus</i> , <i>C. perfringens</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>)	<i>M. tuberculosis</i> Referred Culture for Genotyping	
Fungus Culture:	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Complex (MTD)	
Fungus Smear:	PARASITOLOGY	
Gonorrhea Culture: Incubated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Blood Parasites:	
Hrs. incubated: Add'l specimen codes:	Country visited outside US:	
VRE (rule out)	Ova & Parasites: Immigrant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SPECIMEN CODE: PLACE CODE IN BOX NEXT TO TEST
ENTERIC INFECTIONS	Cryptosporidium	B Blood
Campylobacter	Cyclospora/Isospora	BW Bronchial Washing
<i>E. coli</i> O157 typing	Microsporidium	CSF Cerebrospinal Fluid
Enteric Culture - Routine (Salmonella, Shigella, <i>E. coli</i> O157, Campylobacter)	Pinworm	CX Cervix/Endocervix
Salmonella typing	VIRUS/CHLAMYDIA	E Eye
Shigella typing	Adenovirus*	F Feces
<i>V. parahaemolyticus</i>	Arbovirus Panel (WNV, EEEV, SLEV)	N Nasopharynx/Nasal
Yersinia	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	P Penis
REFERENCE MICROBIOLOGY	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	R Rectum
ABC'S (BLIS) #	Enterovirus (Inc. Echo & Coxsackie)	SP Sputum
Organism:	Herpes Simplex Virus (Types 1 & 2)	T Throat
Aerobic Actinomyces for ID	Influenza (Types A & B)*	URE Urethra
Bacteria Referred Culture for ID	Parainfluenza (Types 1, 2 & 3)*	UR Urine
Specify:	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)*	V Vagina
Mold for ID	Varicella (VZV)	W Wound
Yeast for ID	*MAY INCLUDE RESPIRATORY SCREENING PANEL	O Other:
	Comments:	

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**Must be completed.
Pre-printed address
labels with ID**

**Must be
Completed.**

**Collect Date
must be
completed.**

**Fill-in
race, ethnicity
and gender**

**Write
specimen
code in the
Chlamydia
trachomatis
only/NAAT
box.**

**CHLAMYDIA
TESTING
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(STICKERS)
Effective 01/01/2010**

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7. Double bag urine specimens.

Seal the cup in the zip locked section of a plastic bag with absorbent material.

Seal this bag in the zip locked section of a biohazard transport bag and place the form in the outside pocket.

8. Refrigerate the specimen immediately and transport to the laboratory in an insulated container with cold packs (2-8°C.) Specimen may **not** be stored or transported at room temperature.

9. Order the test/s in MyLIMS.

Print packing slip and submit with specimens.

WHAT'S NEW ABOUT THE SWAB COLLECTION KIT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2010?

The lab will switch to an updated assay (Qx) resulting in:

- a new swab collection kit: (no change for urine)
- designated with Qx and a purple stripe in addition to the yellow and green stripes on the old kits.
- gender specific kits have color coded swab shafts (pink-female, blue-male)
- cleaning swab is no longer huge-it is the white one
- bloody specimens are no longer rejected (unless >60% blood)

SWAB Specimen Collection and Transport Procedures

Swabs REQUIRE a NEW specimen collection kit effective February 1, 2010

- Cervix/endocervix and male urethra are the only approved swab collection sites in use for this assay.

Please use the appropriate gender kit.

- If this is not followed, the specimen will be rejected.

- **NOTE: For any other collection sites (i.e. rectal, vaginal, throat), test request should be Chlam Trans for cell culture. This test is limited to medical legal cases, rectal or oral specimens.**

MALE URETHRAL SWABS

Use the Male (blue) Urethral Specimen Collection Kit for the BD ProbeTec™ CT/GC Qx Amplified DNA Assays.

1. Remove the swab from the packaging and insert the swab 2-4 cm into the urethra and rotate for 3-5 seconds. Withdraw the swab. Continue with #4 under the Female Endocervical Swab section.

FEMALE ENDOCERVICAL SWABS

Use the Female (pink) Endocervical Specimen Collection Kit for the BD ProbeTec™ CT/GC Qx Amplified DNA Assays.

1. Remove the **cleaning** swab (polyester fiber-tipped with **white** shaft) from the packaging and use it to remove excess blood and mucus from the cervical os. Discard the used cleaning swab.
2. Remove the **pink** shafted **collection** swab from the packaging and insert it into the cervical canal and rotate for 15-30 seconds.
3. Withdraw the swab carefully. Avoid contact with the vaginal mucosa.

4. Uncap the CT/GC Qx swab diluent tube and fully insert the collection swab into the tube.
5. Break the shaft of the swab at the score mark (**DO NOT** cut the shaft shorter) using care to avoid splashing and tightly recap.
6. Label the tube with the patient's name (matching the lab slip exactly) and the collection date/time.
7. Complete the **Infectious Agents: Culture/Detection lab slip**.
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 - Original Copy Form
 - Place preprinted submitter labels with DHMH Lab Administration Client ID.
 - Be sure to include the source of the specimen (CX/URE) in the box next to the test requested “Chlamydia NAAT Only.”

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INFECTIOUS AGENTS: CULTURE/DETECTION

TYPE OF PRINT REQUIRED INFORMATION OR PLACE LABELS ON ALL FOUR COPIES

DEH OFF DMTP/PN QNOD QSTD QTB QCD QCOR Patient SS# (last 4 digits):
 Submitter's Last Name _____ Last Name _____ CSR QJR QOther _____
 Address _____ First Name _____ SSN: _____
 City _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____ Address _____
 Contact Name _____ City _____ County _____
 Phone # _____ Fax # _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Gonorrhea Culture: Incubated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Blood Parasites:	SPECIMEN CODE: PLACE CODE IN BOX NEXT TO TEST
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Yeast for ID	*MAY INCLUDE RESPIRATORY SCREENING PANEL	
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8. Seal the tube in the zip lock section of a biohazard transport bag and place the form in the outside pocket.
9. Swab specimens must be stored and transported to the lab at 2-30 °C within 30 days of collection.
10. Please transport to the laboratory in an insulated container with cold packs to insure that the acceptable temperature range is not exceeded.
11. Order the test/s in MyLIMS.
Print packing slip and submit with specimens.

Specimen Rejection Criteria for Chlamydia NAAT

- **Missing information required to determine specimen adequacy: source, collection date, gender.**
- Too old. Urine >7 days, Swabs >30 days
- Missing name or ID from the specimen tube or cup.
- Missing ID of submitter and/or patient on the form.
- Leaked in transit-whether partial or full leakage.
- Quantity not sufficient: urine <4ml or excessive: urine >60ml.
- Swab tube is without a swab.
- Expired swab transport tube or tube with missing expiration date.
- Transported outside of the appropriate temperature range (2-8°C)
- No specimen received with the lab request slip or no slip received with the specimen.

Specimen Rejection Criteria for Chlamydia NAAT

- Wrong swab used. Must use the one provided in the collection kit, but not the white cleaning swab in the female kit. It will be rejected if sent.
- Inappropriate collection site. Only acceptable sites are male and female urine, endocervical/cervical swab, or male urethral swab.
- Specimen is in the wrong transport assembly. Must be plastic (no glass), sterile, preservative free urine cup or the gender appropriate BD swab collection kit. Opposite gender kits will be rejected.
- Mismatched names on slip/specimen.
- Highly mucoid specimen, which cannot be pipetted.
- Illegible slip and/or specimen such that matching ID cannot be established.

Multiple Tests Submission

Contact Denise Shackelford

MULTIPLE SPECIMENS FROM THE SAME PATIENT WITH MULTIPLE TEMPERATURE/STORAGE/SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS:

If multiple specimens with different temperature/storage/shipping requirements are collected on the same patient **THEY CANNOT BE SUBMITTED IN THE SAME BIOBAG.** First, complete the top part of the form. Then use the back copy (or make a photocopy) of the form to submit with each specimen requiring a different temperature/storage/shipping condition. Place each specimen with its respective lab form in a separate biobag. **ENSURE THAT SPECIMENS ARE INDIVIDUALLY LABELED AS TO SOURCE.**

If you have any questions/comments on the use of the specimen bags or temperature/storage/shipping requirements, please contact the Registration Unit at 410-767-6116 or shackelfordd@dnhm.state.md.us.

Multiple Tests Submission Guidance

Tests Requested Infectious Agents: Culture/ Detection Lab Slip	Tests Requested On-Line (MyLIMS)	<i>Infectious Agents:</i> <i>Culture/Detection</i> <i>Lab Slip Form</i>	<i>Transport</i> <i>Conditions</i>
Chlamydia trachomatis only/NAAT	Chlamydia nucleic acid amplification	<p style="text-align: center;">Original (white) <i>Affix sticker to white.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Copy #1 (yellow)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cold Packs</i></p>
Herpes Simplex Virus (Types 1&2)	Pan Herpes Simplex Virus PCR		
Chlamydia trachomatis	Chlamydia Cell Culture		
Bacteria Culture	Bacteriology Clinical		
Gonorrhea Culture	GC Culture	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Copy #2 (pink)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room Temp</i></p>

Sticker Allocation Tracking and View Reports

- Tracking of sticker usage per client site
- Added benefit for clients to check reports on-line
- Access using MyLIMS ID and password per client site
- Request tests per client site in minutes
- Create packing list for shipping
- Stream-line submission process

Q & A



Please check the Maryland DHMH
Laboratories Administration website for
any updates and additional guidelines.

<http://dhmh.state.md.us/labs/>

Thank you.



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Labs Hours of Operations

Holiday Schedule

Chlamydia Testing Allocation Sticker 2010 (NEW-January 11, 2010)

Closing of Mycology (fungal) Laboratory

State of Maryland

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

♦ Martin O'Malley, Governor ♦ Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
♦ John M. Colmers, Secretary

Laboratories Administration

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John M. DeBoy, Dr.P.H.,
Director, Laboratories Administration

H1N1 Novel Influenza Updates

- [Up-date of Influenza Testing Guidelines \(October 30, 2009\)](#)
- [MD DHMH Influenza Virologic Surveillance Guidance to Sentinel Laboratories and Sentinel Providers \(October 28, 2009\)](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Influenza Surveillance: Prioritizing RT-PCR Testing in Laboratories October 9, 2009 11:00 AM ET](#)
- [Interim Recommendations for Clinical Use of: Influenza Diagnostic Testing During the 2009-2010 Influenza Season \(September 29, 2009\)](#)

<http://dnhm.state.md.us/labs/html/functlab.html#note>

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[2010 MD Chlamydia NAAT Sticker Allocation System - DHMH Laboratory Updates & Teleconferences \(January 11, 2010\):](#)

The 2010 Chlamydia Testing Allocation Stickers were distributed last month to the sticker stewards (except for Frederick County). Please note that the 2010 allocation stickers are yellow, and valid from Jan 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

We would also like to remind everyone that effective February 1, 2010 the Chlamydia NAAT will be upgraded. The acceptable specimen types are as follows:

- Urine (male and female)**
- Cervical/Endocervical Swab (female) - requires a NEW COLLECTION KIT**
- Urethral Swab (male) -requires a NEW COLLECTION KIT**

Note: The swabs require NEW specimen collection kits effective February 1, 2010. Please contact the DHMH Laboratories Administration, Specimen Mailing Assemblies (Outfit Room) at 410-767-6120 or 410-767-6121 as soon as possible.

The DHMH Laboratories Administration will hold two teleconferences to discuss these updates on:

- January 19, 2010 (Tuesday), 1:00PM-2:00PM
- January 28, 2010 (Thursday), 11:00 AM-12:00PM

The dial-in number is: 410-549-9411, and the meeting ID number is: 0560#. To ensure that we have adequate lines for the scheduled teleconferences, please inform us by e-mail if you will be attending.

The handouts for the teleconference, specimen collection procedures, and request forms are as follows:

[Chlamydia Teleconference Handout January 19 and January 28](#)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
LABORATORIES ADMINISTRATION
201 WEST PRESTON STREET, BALTIMORE MD 21201

Requisition for Specimen Assemblies

Person Ordering: _____ Date: _____
Name of Institution: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

KITS

BULK

- | | | | |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. PINWORM SLIDES..... | _____ | 12. BIOHAZARD BAGS..... | _____ |
| 2. GASTRIC (TB CULTURE) - CALL TB LAB..... | 76126 | 13. AMIES MEDIA..... | _____ |
| 3. CHLAMYDIA MEDIA / 53 INNER - CONT..... | _____ | 14. GC PLATES..... | _____ |
| 4. LEPTOSPIRA CULTURE / 53 INNER - CONT..... | _____ | 15. MISCELLANEOUS URINE CUPS..... | _____ |
| 5. T CELL KITS..... | _____ | 16. RED TOP TUBES..... | _____ |
| 6. VIRAL CULTURE MEDIA / 53 INNER - CONT..... | _____ | 17. LAVENDER TUBES..... | _____ |
| 7. SPUTUM (TB CULTURE)..... | _____ | 18. BLOOD CULTURE..... | _____ |
| 8. THROAT CULTURE / 53 INNER CONT..... | _____ | 19. ENTERIC PATHOGEN MEDIA..... | _____ |
| 9. VIRAL LOAD KITS..... | _____ | 20. INTESTINAL PARASITE MEDIA..... | _____ |
| 10. MYCOPLASMAUREA PLASMA CULTURE..... | _____ | 21. VIRAL CULTURE MEDIA..... | _____ |
| 11. CHLAMYDIA MEDIA..... | _____ | 22. STUART'S TRANSPORT MEDIA..... | _____ |
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