



## A good test result starts with a good sample



### > Did you know?

A test result for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (CT/NG) may be invalid if a gel or lubricant was used by a healthcare professional or by a patient prior to collecting a sample.

*Carbomer is known to be an inhibitor causing interference with PCR assays*

Are you using the correct method to collect CT/NG samples? Are you putting the results of these tests at risk? Could your patients be impacted by an invalid result following an inadequate sample?

Products containing carbomers used to lubricate a speculum, including vaginal lubricants, creams, and gels, may interfere with the PCR test and should not be used during or prior to endocervical, urogenital, or vaginal collection.

Lubricants containing carbomers are also not recommended for collection of samples for PAP or Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) molecular testing\*.

### Good practice to avoid an invalid result when collecting a CT/NG sample

- 1 Do not use lubricant before the collection
- 2 Choose vaginal or auto-vaginal sampling even if the patient has not used gel.
- 3 Use the urine test if in doubt or if the patient has used a gel.



CARBOMER-FREE PRODUCTS	PRODUCTS CONTAINING CARBOMERS
<b>LUBRICANTS</b>	
HR Lubricating Jelly	DynaLube Lubricating Jelly
KY Jelly	McKesson Lubricating Jelly
Surgilube Surgical Lubricating Jelly	Cardinal Health Lubricating Jelly
Jedmon HealthCare Plus Lubricating Jelly	Medline Lubricating Jelly
<b>FEMININE HYGIENE</b>	
Conceptrol Contraceptive Gel	RepHresh Clean Balance
Labigam Anti-fungal	RepHresh Vaginal Gel Prefilled
Luvena Moisturizer	Vagisil Anti-itch Cream
Monistat 1	Vagisil Crème Regular Strength
Terrasil Ointment Plus Cleansing Bar	Vagisil ProHydrate
VCF Contraceptive Foam	Vagisil Sensitive Cream
Clotrimazole 3	IsoLove Balancing Gel
Clotrimazole Vaginal Cream	Replens Long-Lasting Vaginal Moisturizer
	Metronidazole Vaginal Gel