



# Salem Health Laboratories

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### Group B Streptococcus Rapid Antigen Test

Effective immediately rapid antigen testing for Group B Streptococcus from vaginal / cervical specimens is no longer being offered. This test typically has very low usage and after discussions with providers the decision was made to not validate a substitute test.

There is no rapid test available at this time for detection of Group B Streptococcus direct from patient specimens. Group B Streptococcus culture is available and is appropriate in non-urgent situations.

Please address any questions you may have to the following.

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