

New Molecular Testing

Beginning July 2007

Salem Hospital Regional Laboratory is pleased to announce the implementation of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) methodology for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing on urine and urogenital swabs.

Laboratory testing at the molecular level is fast becoming a standard in the industry and we are pleased and excited to offer this service. This new testing method allows us to increase our test menu and continue to provide accurate results for quality patient care.

	<u>*Sensitivity</u>	<u>*Specificity</u>
Chlamydia	93.0%	96.5%
Gonorrhea	97.1%	98.1%

This new method will require the use of a different collection kit. Salem Hospital Regional Laboratory will provide these collection kits in the near future.

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