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**This product has been renamed and repackaged. The catalogue number is the same: 441357**

	<b>OLD 441357</b>	<b>NEW 441357</b>
<b>Name</b>	Female Endocervical Specimen Collection Kit for the BD ProbeTec™ <i>Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> Q <sup>x</sup> Amplified DNA Assays	BD ProbeTec™ Q <sup>x</sup> Collection Kit for Endocervical and Lesion Specimens
<b>Packaging-</b> essentially the same except for the following	Green, yellow and purple stripe Labeled CT/GC Q <sup>x</sup> Swab Diluent	Only purple stripe Labeled Q <sup>x</sup> Swab Diluent
<b>Photo</b>		

The MD State Laboratory CT/GC NAAT samples are tested on the BD Viper platform. Until recently CT and GC were the only assays on the market for the Viper. However, BD has added a herpes test to the Viper platform prompting this change in name and packaging. The BD herpes assay uses this same collection kit, so the changes reflect the generic use of this product for more than one assay. “CT/GC” and the company’s associated colors for those assays of yellow and green have been removed. Purple is BD’s color code for Q<sup>x</sup> Amplified DNA Assays.

### What you need to know:

1. **Use this collection kit ONLY FOR CERVICAL/ENDOCERVICAL SWAB SAMPLES FOR CT/GC NAAT.** The MD State lab is NOT currently using the BD Viper herpes assay, so you may NOT use this collection kit to collect samples from lesions for herpes. Also, lesions are not an acceptable specimen source for Chlamydia/GC.
2. The State Lab has not made recent changes to any of the herpes assays offered. Refer to the *Guide to Public Health Laboratory Services* for guidance on the collection of herpes samples. <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/laboratories/>. Click on Laboratory Guides on the left.
3. There are **no changes** to the CT/GC NAAT **male** collection kit, part no. 441358.

4. Pay attention to the expiration date on the **tube** and do not use the kit if the sample will not reach the lab and be **tested** by that date. The swabs have their own expiration date.