

TriCore is pleased to announce that molecular testing for Streptococcus Group A screening of the throat (GADNA) will be available starting October 13, 2021. Shortages of laboratory supplies during the height of the pandemic impacted our ability to perform molecular assays. As supply chains have recovered, we are able to expand our molecular testing capacities. Providers should order GADNA for Streptococcus Group A screening of the throat.

Strep Culture, Special (CSTRSP) remains the alternative test for Streptococcus Group A screening of the throat when there is a shortage of laboratory supplies. The appropriate specimen is a Red Copan, red/black label swab of the throat for both GADNA and CSTRSP; alternatively, we will accept the BD BBL CultureSwab transport system. If any other type of swab is submitted, a CSTRSP will be performed.

TEST	AVAILABLE	COLLECTION DEVICE	FREQUENCY OF TESTING	TURNAROUND TIME
GADNA	yes	Red Copan, red/black label; BD BBL CultureSwab transport system	Daily	24 hours
CSTRSP (Alternative test for GADNA)	yes	Red Copan, red/black label; BD BBL CultureSwab transport system; e Swab	Daily	Preliminary result at 24 hours; final result at 3 days