

Acceptable Specimens for Transport Through the Pneumatic Tube System

Irretrievable specimens should ALWAYS be hand delivered to the laboratory. Irretrievable specimens are defined as anything *invasively collected*. Non-irretrievable specimens may be transported through the pneumatic tube system.

Deliver via: Hand Transport	Deliver via: Pneumatic Tube System
ALL Body fluids – *CSF, amniotic, synovial, serous fluids, bronch wash/lavage	Blood specimens
ALL Histology/Anatomic Pathology Specimens	^Blood gases
ALL Cytology Specimens including pap smears	Blood Cultures
Stool 24-72 hour	^^Stool – random
Urine (24-hour or timed collection)	^^Urine – random (i.e. BD urine vacutainer tubes & sterile cups, <i>no sharps</i>)
Blood Products	Swabs
**TEG & Platelet Function Assay	Sputum/Tracheal Aspirates
Capillary with rubber cap (glucose tube)	

*CSF – should never be transported via the tube system, per Infection Prevention.

**TEG & PFA – per manufacturer recommendation these specimens should not be transported via the tube system as it can adversely impact results.

^Requires double-bagging. Ensure *no sharps* are attached prior to transport.

^^Requires double-bagging for transport via the pneumatic tube system.

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