


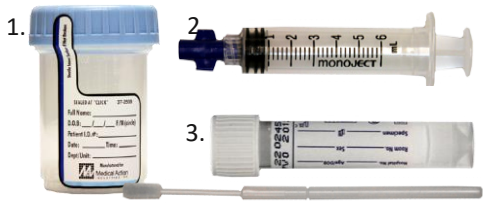
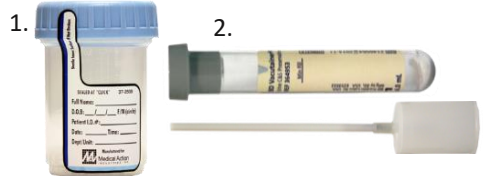



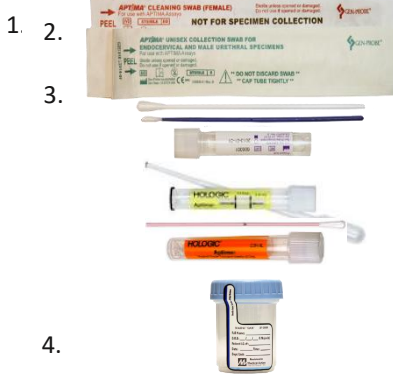


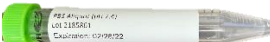














Microbiology Collection Containers

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SPECIMEN/TEST	COLLECTION CONTAINERS	TIME LIMITS FOR LAB DELIVERY	COLLECTION CONTAINER PICTURES
Blood Cultures Please include 1 aerobic and 1 anaerobic bottle in each set drawn.	Blood Culture bottles: Adult / children over 12 yrs. old: 1 set = 1 Aerobic + 1 Anaerobic. Optimum draw: 2 sets from 2 different sites, 10 ml in each bottle. At least 1 set drawn peripherally. Pediatric Patients and/or Difficult Draws: 1 Pediatric bottle (1 to 4 ml) or 1 Aerobic bottle (>5 to 10 ml). DO NOT OVERFILL BOTTLES	Lab prefers: <= 24 hrs. Can be accepted at Ambient incubation up to 5 days	
AFB Culture Note: swabs are not acceptable for AFB (TB) Culture	Tissue, fluid or (3ml minimum) respiratory secretions in sterile container Aspirate with safety syringe tip cap	<= 1 hrs. Ambient <= 24 hours refrigerated	
AFB Blood Culture	SPS AFB Blood Culture Tube– AFB Blood cultures are sent out and must be transported to reference lab within 72 hrs. of collection	<= 72 hrs.	
Routine Aerobic, Anaerobic, Fungus, and GC Cultures.	1. Tissue, fluid or respiratory secretions in sterile container 2. Aspirate with safety syringe tip cap	Sterile container or Aspirate in syringe: <= 2 hrs. Ambient <=24 hrs refrigerated	
	3. ESwab Collection & Transport System with white cap & flocced swab & Amies liquid	ESwab: <= 24 hrs. Ambient	
Urine Culture	1. Fresh urine in sterile cup	<= 1 hr. Ambient <= 24 hrs. Refrigerated	
	2. Grey top – BD Vacutainer Urine tube	<= 48 hrs. Ambient	
MRSA Culture	E-Swab (BBL Amies gel swab is acceptable but not preferred.)	<= 24 hrs. Ambient	
MRSA PCR (nose source only)	COPAN Sterile Transport Swab (red cap and red label, double-scored swabs with liquid Stuart's medium in sponge). (DO NOT BREAK OFF SWAB AT THE SCORED AREA.)	<= 24 hrs. Ambient <= 5 days Refrigerated	
Vaginosis Panel, BD Affirm	BD Affirm Ambient Temperature Transport Medium	<= 72 hrs. Ambient or Refrigerated	
Gonorrhea/ Chlamydia/ Trichomonas Amplification	1. GEN-PROBE APTIMA UNISEX SWAB (white cap with foil top) genital samples 2. Urine in Aptima collection tube (First 15-30 mLs voided urine – 2 mLs minimum) 3. Hologic Aptima Vaginal Self-Collect Swab	< 30 Days Ambient or Refrigerated	
	4. Urine in a sterile cup (First 15-30 mLs voided urine – 2 mLs minimum)	<= 24 hrs. Refrigerated	
Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Amplivue	BD Universal Viral Transport Medium (UTM) (red cap with 3 ml red liquid and 2 cotton tipped swabs) lesions only	<= 5 days Refrigerated	
Pertussis PCR	UTM Kit, with single flocced, nasopharyngeal (NP) swab or Resolution Medical lattice test swab with PBS (phosphate buffered saline)	<= 72 hrs. Refrigerated	
Respiratory PCR		<= 4 hrs. Ambient <= 3 days Refrigerated	
Flu RSV COVID PCR (FLUID)	nasopharyngeal (NP) swab or nasal swab	<= 24 hrs. Ambient <= 7 days Refrigerated	
SARS CoV-2	in UTM or saline	<= 8 hrs. Ambient <= 7 days Refrigerated	

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Strep Pharyngitis Screen Culture, Strep Culture non-respiratory (pediatric genital/perianal- group A) Group A Strep PCR	BBL Culture Swab Collection & Transport System with red cap, blue label & Stuart media in sponge (SWABS ARE NOT SCORED)	<=72 hrs. Ambient or Refrigerated	
Group B Strep PCR (perinatal strep)	Throat swab using ESwab™ 480CFA or ESwab™ 480C collection device (BBL Amies gel swab is acceptable but not preferred.)	<= 48 hrs. Ambient <= 6 days Refrigerated	
Pinworm Prep	Pinworm Collector with white cap vial & sticky paddle Include patient collection instructions with each vial.	<= 72 hrs. Ambient	
Parasite Worm Exam	1. Isolate worm and place into a sterile cup with a small amount of water. 2. Place worm in a pink cap vial (formalin). Remove scoop from cap and discard	Return to Laboratory within 8 hours Ambient or Refrigerated Specimen is viable Ambient or Refrigerated for 2 months or until vial expiration date, whichever comes first.	1.  2. 
Fecal Occult Blood (Diagnostic or 3 card series)	Fresh stool applied to test card immediately after collection Stool must be applied to card within 30 minutes. Follow instructions provided with cards.	<=30 minutes fresh stool Card - 14 days Ambient	
GI PCR with Supplemental Culture Stool Culture includes: Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, E. coli 0157, and ShigaToxins. Indicate any other organisms in comments.	Orange cap Cardinal C&S vial Sterile containers can be used for collection if the specimen can be brought to a lab and transferred in less than 2 hours	<= 24 hrs. Ambient; <= 48 hrs. Refrigerated	 <div>Within 2 hrs of collection, add only enough stool to bring liquid to red line.</div>
Ova & Parasites	Pink cap (Formalin) <u>AND</u> Grey cap (Zinc PVA) Para-Pak transport vials. Transfer to vials within 30 minutes.	Specimen is viable Ambient or Refrigerated for 2 months or until vial expiration date, whichever comes first.	 <div>Within 30 min of collection, add only enough stool to bring liquid to red line.</div>
Giardia/ Cryptosporidium Antigen	1. Pink cap (formalin) <u>OR</u> Orange cap Cardinal C&S vial	Pink cap (formalin) specimen is viable Ambient for 2 months or until the vial's expiration, whichever comes first. Orange Cap (Cary Blair) <= 2 weeks Refrigerated	1.  2.  <div>Within 30 min of collection, add only enough stool to bring liquid to red line.</div>
WBC Stool	Orange cap Cardinal C&S vial	<= 24 hrs. Ambient; <= 48 hrs. Refrigerated	 <div>Within 60 min of collection, add only enough stool to bring liquid to red line.</div>
Stool for C. diff PCR,	Fresh stool in sterile cup	Refrigerate within 2 hrs. <= 4 days Refrigerated or Frozen *Transport on ice*	
Norovirus PCR	Fresh stool in sterile cup	<=48 hrs. Refrigerated *Transport on ice*	
Rotavirus Antigen	Fresh stool in sterile cup	<= 72 hrs. Refrigerated *Transport on ice*	