

Specimen Collection Guide

Anaerobic Culture

Tissue, Aspirates, Deep Wound (not superficial)

Anaerobic Specimen Collector (BD) E-Swab



ROOM TEMP


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2-5 DAYS

Aerobic Cultures Including Gram Stain

Swab of any source except sinus. Fungal and AFB cultures require tissue or fluids in a **sterile container**.

E-Swab



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2-3 DAYS

AFB Cultures

Tissue, Aspirates, BF

No Swabs

Sterile Container



ROOM TEMP

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3-5 DAYS

BD Affirm VP III

Vaginal

Detects Candida species, Gardnerella vaginalis and Trichomonas vaginalis

BD Affirm – sterile swab, transport tube, cap



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1 DAY

Blood Cultures

Adult: 8-10 ml per bottle
Ped: 1-3 ml per bottle

Aerobic/ Anaerobic/ Pediatric Blood Culture Bottle(s) Fungal AFB



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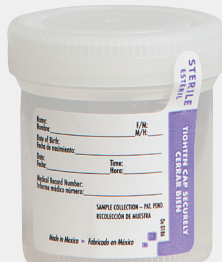
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5 DAYS

Body Fluid Culture

Joint fluid or any sterile body fluid – synovial, paracentesis, pleural

Sterile Container Blood Culture Bottle(s)



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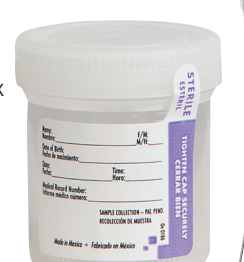
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Bordetella Pertussis by PCR

NP Swab x2 placed in each nasopharynx passageway.

NP wire swabs placed in Sterile Container

No calcium alginate swabs



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2-4 DAYS


Chlamydia/N. gonorrhoeae By PCR

Male
20 ml first void urine

Female
Endocervical swab or first void urine

1st swab – remove mucus - discard

2nd *smaller* swab – submit in PCR media



ROOM TEMP

REFRIG

1-2 DAYS

Clostridium Difficile Toxin

Fresh Stool (not formed or hard)

Sterile Container




ROOM TEMP

REFRIG

1-2 DAYS

Group A Streptococcus PCR

E-Swab




ROOM TEMP

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1-2 DAYS

Group B Streptococcus: Pre-Natal Screen PCR

COPAN Transystem



ROOM TEMP


ROOM TEMP

1-3 DAYS

Herpes Simplex Virus By PCR

Genital, Oral, Lesion, Spinal fluid (CSF)
Neonatal Surface Screen

Viral Transport Medium CSF Tube



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REFRIG

1-2 DAYS

MRSA by PCR

Nares

E-Swab



ROOM TEMP


REFRIG

1 DAY

Mycoplasma or Ureaplasma Culture

Genital
For other sources, call Lab.

Universal Transport (UTM)



REFRIG

REFRIG (24 HR)

4-9 DAYS

Ova & Parasite/Giardia/ Cryptosporidium

Preserved Stool
For O & P testing, collect 3 specimens on 3 separate days.

Grey and Pink Para-Pak Collection Kit



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1-3 DAYS

Pin Worm Exam

Early morning peri-anal impression (touch both sides)

Pinworm Paddle



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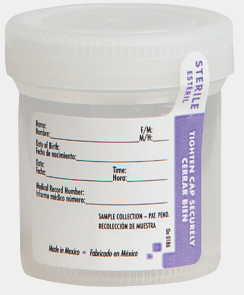
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1 DAY

Rotavirus

Fresh Stool

Sterile Container




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STAT

RSV or Influenza A & B by PCR

NP swab in Viral Transport Medium



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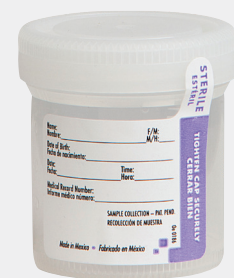
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Sputum Culture

Sputum: Routine, AFB and/or Fungal

AFB: Submit first morning-coughed sputum, collected on three separate days.

Sterile Container



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REFRIG

1-2 DAYS

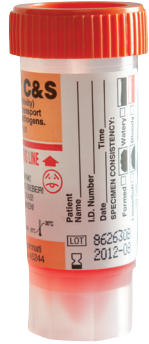
FUNGAL 4 WEEKS

AFB 6 WEEKS

Stool Culture

Preserved Stool

C & S Orange Vial



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2-4 DAYS

Urine Culture

Clean catch urine
Cath urine
Suprapubic urine

Urine Vacutainer Cup C & S Transfer Straw Kit



ROOM TEMP

REFRIG/ROOM TEMP


2-3 DAYS

Viral Respiratory Panel

(Influenza A/B, RSV, Parainfluenza and Adenovirus)

NP

Viral Transport Medium



ROOM TEMP


REFRIG

2-3 DAYS

Wet Prep Swube Tube

Collection 1ml NaCl

Swube Tube



ROOM TEMP

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< 1 HR

KEY

STORE BEFORE COLLECTION

STORE AFTER COLLECTION

TURNAROUND TIME