














Longs Peak Hospital Microbiology Collection Containers

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SPECIMEN/TEST	COLLECTION CONTAINERS	TIME LIMITS FOR LAB DELIVERY	COLLECTION CONTAINER PICTURES
<p>Blood cultures</p> <p>DO NOT OVERFILL BOTTLES! Please include 1 aerobic and 1 anaerobic bottle in each set drawn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerobic Bottles have a gray/blue top. Anaerobic bottles have a purple top. Pediatric bottles have a pink top. 	<p>Blood Culture bottles: Adult and children over 80lbs: 1 set = 1 PURPLE + 1 GRAY/BLUE. Optimum draw: 2 sets from 2 different sites, 8-10 ml in each bottle. At least 1 set drawn peripherally. Pediatric Patients and/or Difficult Draws: 1 PINK Pediatric bottle (0.5 to 5 ml) or 1 GRAY/BLUE bottle (5 ml minimum).</p>	<p>Lab prefers: ≤ 24 hrs. Ambient</p> <p>Can be accepted at ambient incubation up to 5 days</p>	 <p>Aerobic Anaerobic Pediatric</p>
<p>Chlamydia/GC/Trich Amplified DNA Probe (Genital samples) OR first 15-30 mls of voided urine (2 mls minimum)</p>	<p>GEN-PROBE APTIMA UNISEX SWAB (white cap with foil top) genital samples OR Urine in sterile cup.</p>	<p>≤ 24 hrs., Refrigerated</p>	
<p>Herpes or other Virus, Chlamydia or Mycoplasma cultures or Herpes and other Viral PCR except Respiratory (see below)</p>	<p>Universal Viral Transport Medium (UTM) (red cap with 3 ml red liquid with 2 cotton tipped swabs)</p>	<p>≤ 24 hrs, Refrigerated.</p>	
<p>Flu PCR, RSV PCR — Nasal wash/ aspirate-not in UTM</p>	<p>1 ml Nasal Wash/aspirate in saline (preferred sample).</p>	<p>< 8 hrs., Refrigerated</p>	
<p>Respiratory PCR, Pertussis PCR, Flu PCR, RSV PCR</p>	<p>GeneXpert Nasopharyngeal Sample Collection Kit for Viruses, with single flocked, Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab</p>	<p>≤ 24 hrs., Refrigerated</p>	
<p>MRSA PCR (nose source only)</p>	<p>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.)</p>	<p>≤ 24 hrs.</p>	





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Pinworm Prep	Pinworm Collector with white cap vial & sticky paddle. Include patient collection instructions with each paddle.	<= 72 hrs.	
Rapid Strep Screen, Strep Screen Culture	BBL CultureSwab Collection & Transport System with red cap, blue label & Stuart media in sponge. (SWABS ARE NOT SCORED)	<= 24 hrs.	
Routine aerobic, anaerobic and GC cultures. NOTE: #1, #2 are acceptable for AFB (TB), and Fungus Cultures. #3 is acceptable for Group B Strep PCR (Perinatal Streps), Group A Strep Screen Culture, and Fungus culture. Note: No swabs are acceptable for AFB (TB) Culture.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue, fluid or respiratory secretions in sterile container. Aspirate with safety syringe tip cap. ESwab Collection & Transport System with white cap & flocced Swab & Amies liquid. 	No preservative: <= 2 hrs. ESwab: <= 24 hrs	#1  #2  #3 
Stool for occult blood	Fresh stool applied to test card immediately after collection. Follow instructions provided with cards. Fresh stool not on test card.	<= 14 days <= 30 minutes	
Stool Culture includes: Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, E. coli 0157, and ShigaToxins. Indicate any other tests in comments. GI PCR with Supplemental Culture.	Orange cap C&S and/or Cary Blair media	<= 24 hrs. ambient; <= 48 hrs., Refrigerated	 *Add only enough stool to bring liquid to Red Line. Mix well. * Blue cap transport vials that contain mercury are unacceptable.

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Giardia/ Cryptosporidium Antigen Ova & Parasites	Pink cap & Grey cap Para-Pak transport vials.	Specimen is viable under all conditions (Refrigerated, Ambient, or Frozen) for 2 months or until vial expiration date, whichever comes first.	 <p>*Add only enough stool to bring liquid to Red Line. Mix well. * Blue cap transport vials that contain mercury are unacceptable.</p>
Stool for Cdiff PCR, H. Pylori Antigen, Rotavirus Antigen, Lactoferrin	Fresh stool in sterile cup.	<= 48 hrs, Refrigerated CDiff: Ok at <= 24 hrs. Room temp. CDiff: Ok frozen.	
Stool Culture, Ova & Parasites, WBC.	Fresh stool in sterile cup.	Culture: <= 2 hr, room temp. O&P, WBC <=30 min, room temp, otherwise place in transport containers.	
Urine culture	Fresh urine in sterile cup. Grey top – BD Vacutainer Urine tube	<= 1 hr. room temp; <=24 hrs. refrigerated. <= 48 hrs.	
Vaginosis Panel, BD Affirm	BD Affirm Ambient Temperature Transport Medium	<= 72 hrs. refrigerated or room temp.	

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