

Microbiology Specimen Collection Containers

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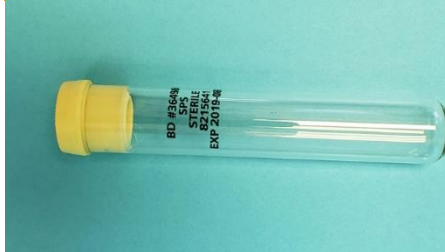
AFB & MYCOLOGY

AFB & Mycology Cultures



- Specimens for Dermatophytes – Do not refrigerate
- Collect in plain sterile container
- For Urine, collect entire morning specimen in brown plastic bottle, sterile, no preservative

Blood/Bone Marrow Specimens for AFB/Fungal Culture



- SPS – Glass tube – Do not send via pneumatic tube
- Minimum 5 mL
- Collect blood using aseptic technique

Cryptococcal Antigen Testing



- A. CSF
- B. serum
 - No Body Fluids

VIROLOGY

Universal Viral Transport



- Use appropriate swab for site
- For all Viral/HSV/Chlamydia culture
- For all Respiratory Viral Testing by PCR
 - Influenza A/B/RSV by PCR
 - Respiratory Pathogen Panel

PARASITOLOGY

Giardia, Intestinal parasites



- Preserves stool specimen for 7 days.
- Use for O & P, Giardia Antigen, Microsporidia
- Unpreserved stool specimen (collected in plain container) is stable for only 2 hours

Malaria Screen



- Submit specimen within 1 hour of collection

PARASITOLOGY

Pinworm Prep



- Source: Perianal
- Follow kit instructions

Trichomonas/Vaginal Wet Prep



- Do not refrigerate specimen
- Stable for 24 hours