

PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM

Clinical Laboratory Pneumatic Tube Stations

Specimen Type	PT Station
Specimens for Microbiology Testing with Paper Requisitions	23
Blood Specimens for General Laboratory Testing	21
Blood Specimens for Blood Bank with Paper Requisitions	100

SPECIMENS that **CAN** be sent through the pneumatic tube include:

- Most blood specimens (except for specimens for PTH, specimens on ice [and the specimens below.](#))
- Only urine specimens collected in a special urine collection tube (example below):



- Blood cultures except for AFB/Fungal (see below) - send to PT station #23
- Sputum in CUPS except those collected in ET tubes (see below) - send to PT station #23
- Swabs – send to PT station #23
- Lavender specimen for Malaria- send immediately to PT station #23
- Vaginal Wet Mount in the appropriate collection tube- send to PT station #21

SPECIMENS that **CANNOT** be sent through the pneumatic tube include:

- Respiratory specimens in viral transport medium (i.e., specimen for CoVid19 or FluA/B testing, etc.)
- Urine specimens in **Urine CUPS**
- Any specimens **ON ICE**
- Any specimens in an endotracheal tube (ET)
- Any specimens transported in a syringe
- Any specimens requiring special handling; e.g., kept at 37°C.
- Any samples in pediatric bullets, i.e. infant heel sticks
- Blood gases/ Co-ox tests
- AFB/Fungal blood cultures (collected in yellow **glass** SPS tubes)
- Stool specimens
- Body fluids (CSF, synovial, pleural, peritoneal, pericardial, gastric and ascitic fluids, aspirates, bronchoalveolar lavage, washes, drainage, etc.)
- Blood specimens from a difficult stick