

Microbiology and Molecular Specimen Collection Containers

Culture, Urine (includes colony count) - #603

Urine collection cup

Handling: Refrigerated

Stability: 24 hours

List collection method on specimen and requisition



Culture, Urine (includes colony count) - #603

Urine C&S transport tube

Handling: Room temperature (or refrigerated)

Stability: 48 hours

List collection method on specimen and requisition



Bacterial cultures (use eswab™ for collection)

Culture, Bacterial with gram stain - #601

Culture, Anaerobic - #613

Culture, Beta strep throat - #688

GBS (Group B strep) Assay by PCR - #1614

Culture, Ear - #2611

Culture, Eye - #2612

Culture, Respiratory bacterial with gram stain - #2614

Culture, Genital - #2613

Handling: Room temperature

Stability: 72 hours

List sample source/collection site on specimen and requisition

Note: One eswab™ may be submitted for both aerobic and anaerobic culture from the same collection site.



Standard eswab

Mini tip eswab (nasal or urethral)

Culture, Blood #1- #6611 / Culture, Blood #2 - #6612 / Culture, Blood #3 - #6613

5-10ml (0.5ml min) Blood in aerobic and anaerobic bottle - maximum fill 10ml

Handling: Room temperature only

Stability: 24 hours Room temperature

Record collection date, time, and draw site on specimen and requisition

Note: Only if transport is delayed >24 hours, incubate and note on requisition



HSV (Herpes simplex Virus) 1 and 2 Assay by PCR - #2040

Handling: Refrigerated

Stability: 14 days

Swab from cutaneous and mucocutaneous lesions submitted in Universal Viral Transport Media

List sample source/collection site on specimen and requisition



Micro Test™ M4® viral transport used for:

Bordetella Pertussis & Parapertussis by Real-Time PCR - #8201

Rapid Molecular Influenza A & B (Alere i™) - #1592

Respiratory Viral Panel PCR - #1427

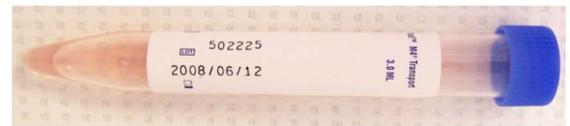
RSV - #197

Viral Culture, non-respiratory - #605

Handling: Refrigerated

Stability: See individual tests

Note: M4 media is stored in the refrigerator (before and after sample collection)



Culture, Sputum with gram stain - #604

Culture, Mycobacterium (AFB) & smear - #607

Handling: Refrigerated

Stability: 24 hours

Note: Rinse mouth, then deep cough specimen. Early morning sample is best. Do not submit saliva.



Culture, Fungus - #608

Sterile vacutainer, sterile polypropylene container, or eswab™

Handling:

Room temperature - Nail, Hair, eswab™ or scrapings – Stability: 72 hours

Refrigerated - Fluid, Tissue or Sputum – Stability: 24 hours



Miscellaneous Stool testing (use Para-Pak® stool collection system)

- Enteric Pathogens Panel by PCR - #8446**
- C. difficile DNA - #8187**
- Fecal leukocytes WBCs - #621**
- Giardia/Cryptosporidium Antigen - #699**
- Helicobacter pylori antigen - #2095**
- Ova and Parasites - #636**
- Norovirus - #9339**
- Rotavirus - #324**



Handling: Refrigerate
Stability: See individual tests
Note: Sample must be placed in transport media within 1 hour of collection

Occult Blood (use Hemosure® Fecal Occult Blood collection tube)

Test directory: Occult Blood (Diagnostic), Fecal/Stool by Immunoassay - #2620,
 Occult Blood (Screening), Fecal/Stool by Immunoassay - #620

Handling: Room temperature (or refrigerated)
Stability: 6 days room temperature in collection tube, 30 days refrigerated
Note: Refer to instruction sheet, do not overfill.



Culture, Organism ID with Sensitivity (if indicated) - #633

Pure culture isolate; *Record specimen source on specimen and requisition*

Handling: Room temperature or 35C, submit in shipper box
Stability: 24 hours



Organism Sensitivity - #648

Pure culture isolate; *Record specimen source and organism ID on specimen and requisition*

Handling: Room temperature or 35C, submit in shipper box
Stability: 24 hours
Note: This test is only for sensitivity on identified bacterial isolates.
 If identification and sensitivity are needed, order test #633

Affirm™ VPIII DNA test (Vaginitis) - #678

(Includes Trichomonas, Gardnerella, Candida)

Handling: Room temperature (or refrigerated)
Stability: 72 hours



Chlamydia/GC PCR, Swab - #1982
Chlamydia/GC/Trichomonas, Swab - #2000

Handling: Room temperature (or refrigerated)
Stability: 60 days



Chlamydia/GC PCR, Urine - #2182
Chlamydia/GC/Trichomonas PCR, Urine - #2000

Handling: Room temperature (or refrigerated)
Stability: Urine samples that are still in the primary collection container must be transported to the lab at 2°C to 30°C. Transfer the urine sample into the APTIMA urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection. Store at 2°C to 30°C and test within 30 days of collection.
Note: Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection



Chlamydia/GC PCR, Liquid Base Vial - #2082
Chlamydia/GC/Trichomonas, Liquid Base Vial - #2000

Handling: Room temperature (or refrigerated)
Stability: 30 days



Miscellaneous PCR send-out testing (use OneSwab® (PCR) transport tube)

- Bacterial Vaginosis Panel by Real-Time PCR - #7670**
- Candida Vaginitis Panel by Real-Time PCR - #7639**
- Leukorrhea Panel by Real-Time PCR - #7641**
- Mycoplasma Panel by PCR - #7629**
- Ureaplasma urealyticum by Real-Time PCR - #7644**

Handling: Ambient
Stability: See individual tests

