








MICROBIOLOGY COLLECTION QUICK REFERENCE

It is extremely important to collect and transport the specimen properly so the laboratory can recover a pathogen. It is important to identify the source of the culture because growing conditions and tests to identify pathogens are specific. For additional assistance, consult the Interpath Laboratory Service Manual, Specimen Collection section, or call Client Services at (800) 700-6891. Additionally, if the patient is immunocompromised, please note this information on the requisition as well.

Test	Source	Collection Device	Submission Requirements
Aerobic Cultures	Eye/Ear, Genital, Throat and Superficial Wounds	 Order #101298	Room Temperature
Group B, PCR	Genital		Room Temperature
MRSA, PCR	Nasal		Refrigerated
MRSA/MSSA, PCR	Nasal		Refrigerated
Anaerobic Cultures	Deep Wounds, Abscesses and Body Fluids	 Order #101239	Room Temperature
AFB Culture/ TB, PCR	"Deep" Sputum	 Order #101515	Refrigerated
Fungus Cultures	Skin Scrapings, Hair, Toenails, Etc.		Room Temperature
Sputum Culture	"Deep" Sputum		Refrigerated (Stable 24 hours)
Urine Culture	Clean Catch -or- Catheterized Specimens		Refrigerated
Affirm DNA Panel (Candida, Trichomonas, Gardnerella)	Genital	 Order #103347	Room Temperature -or- Refrigerated
Bordetella Pertussis DNA	Nasopharyngeal	 Order #101442	Room Temperature Ambient
Rapid Influenza A/B RNA	Nasal	 Order #103324	Refrigerated
Viral Cultures: Herpes, RSV, Etc.	Nasopharyngeal, Throat, Nasal Aspirate, Vaginal, Urethral, Etc.	 Order #102928	Refrigerated

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Chlamydia / Gonorrhea (GC/CT) NAAT	Endocervical/Male Urethral	 Order #100283	Room Temperature -or- Refrigerated
Chlamydia / Gonorrhea / Trichomonas / Bacterial Vaginosis / Candida species (GC/CT/TV//BV/CV) NAAT - truSwab	Vaginal sample – Clinician or Patient collected. Throat or Anal swab (GC/CT only).	 Order #100284	Room Temperature -or- Refrigerated
Chlamydia / Gonorrhea / Trichomonas (GC/CT/TV) NAAT	Urine	 Order #100282	Room Temperature -or- Refrigerated
Stool Culture	Stool	 Order #101630	Stool Culture in Enteric Transport Media (ETM) -or- Stool on Sterile Culturette Swab (Place Fresh Stool in Preservative within 2 Hours of Collection.)
Shiga Toxin			Shiga Toxin in Enteric Transport Media (ETM)
O&P (Ova & Parasites)	Stool	 Order #101635	Stool in <u>Para-Set</u> O&P (Ova & Parasites) Kit (PVA and 10% Formalin)
Cryptosporidium			Fresh Stool in Sterile Container (Place Fresh Stool in Preservative within 2 Hours of Collection.) -or- 10% Formalin From O&P (Ova & Parasites) -or- Enteric Transport Media (ETM)
			Giardia Direct Antigen
C.Difficile, PCR			
Rotavirus	Stool	 Order #101515	Fresh Stool in Sterile Container -or- Fecal-Laden Swab
Fecal Fat (Qualitative)			Fresh Stool in Sterile Container
Fecal Red. Substance			Fresh Stool in Sterile Container
Fecal Ph			Fresh Stool in Sterile Container
Fecal Leukocytes (WBC)			Fresh Stool -or- 10% Formalin, PVA, Enteric Transport Media (ETM)
			Norwalk Virus
Pinworm			Stool