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COLLECTION INFORMATION

It is important to collect and transport a specimen properly so the laboratory can recover pathogens. Identify the source of the culture as growing conditions and tests to identify pathogens are specific. If the patient is immunocompromised, please note this information on the requisition.

TEST	SOURCE	PREF. COLLECTION METHOD	ТЕМР.	COLLECTION DEVICE
Aerobic and/or Anaerobic Cultures	 Eye/Ear Genital Throat Superficial Wounds Deep Wounds Abcesses Body Fluids 	ESwab	Ambient	#105617
Group B Strep PCR	Genital	Red Top Swab	Refrigerated	
MRSA, PCR	Nasal	Red Top Swab	Refrigerated	
MRSA, MSSA, PCR	Nasal	Red Top Swab	Refrigerated	#105754
AFB Culture/ TB, PCR/ Sputum Culture Urine Culture	 "Deep" Sputum (Stable 24 hours) Clean Catch or Catheterized Specimens 	Sterile Container (Such as urine container)	Refrigerated	STRUE TICHTEN BECURELY Ver
Fungus Cultures	Skin Scrapings, Hair, Toenails, etc.	Sterile Container (Such as urine container)	Ambient	#101515
Bordetella Pertussis DNA	Nasopharyngeal	Sterile NP Swab (Green Top)	Ambient	#101442
Group A with reflex	Throat	Culturette - Dry Transport Swab (White Top) <u>and</u> eSwab	Ambient	#103324 #105617
Group A without reflex	Throat	Culturette	Ambient	
Rapid Influenza A/B RNA	Nasal	Culturette	Refrigerated	#103324
Viral Cultures: Herpes, RSV, etc.	 Nasopharyngeal Throat Nasal Aspirate Vaginal Urethral 	Swab Submitted in Viral Transport Media (VTM) DO NOT USE WOODEN SWABS (Pre-made Kit with Instructions)	Refrigerated	#102928

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Chlamydia Gonorrhea Trichomonas Bacterial Vaginosis Candida species Mycoplasma genitalium HSV 1 and 2 truSwab - can include GC/CT/TV/BV/CV/M.gen	 Vaginal sample - Clinician or Patient collected. Throat or Rectal (GC/CT only) Anogenital lesion (HSV 1 2 only) Penile meatal - (M.gen. only) 	Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kit	Ambient or Refrigerated	#100284
Chlamydia Gonorrhea Trichomonas Mycoplasma genitalium GC/CT/TV - NAAT	Male and Female Urine	Aptima Urine Collection Kit	Ambient or Refrigerated	#100282
Stool Culture Shiga Toxin	Stool	Fecal Swab	Refrigerated	#105618
O&P (Ova & Parasites) Cryptosporidium Giardia - Direct Antigen	Stool	Stool in Para-Set (Ova & Parasites) Kit (PVA and 10% Formalin) Fresh Stool in Sterile Container (Place Fresh Stool in Preservative within 2 hours of collection) -or- 10% Formalin from O&P	Ambient	
C. Difficile, PCR Rotavirus, Fecal Fat (Qualitative) Fecal Red Substance, Fecal Ph, Fecal Leukocytes (WBC)	Stool	2 Grams Fresh Stool in Sterile Container -or- Fecal-laden Swab Fresh Stool	Refrigerated	
Norwalk Virus	Stool	Fresh Stool	Frozen	#101515
Pinworm	Stool	Pinworm Paddles	Ambient	#101466

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