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Specimen Collection Guide

Microbiology Collection Media







Immune Fecal Occult
Blood Collection



Cary Blair Vial









O&P Kit, 3 Vial Transport System



Chlamydia/GC Collection Kit



Herpes Culture Collection Kit



Influenza by PCR
Collection Kit
(Use NP or Aerobic swab for Rapid Flu testing)



Urine Collection Kit



Sterile Container



Non-Sterile Container



Hemoccult Stool Card

- NOTE: All specimens entering Parkview Health Laboratories MUST be labeled with: Patient's Full Legal Name (no initials or nicknames), Date of Birth, Date and Time of Collection. Site and Source must be listed for micro-specimens.
- For detailed specimen information contact Client Response at 260-266-1500

Test Name	Specimen Collection Media	Time frame to get to Laboratory	Store Specimen
AEROBIC/MISC. CULTURE	AEROBIC SWAB	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP
ANAEROBIC & AEROBIC MISC.	ANAEROBIC AND AEROBIC	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP
CULTURE	SWABS		
GU, FEMALE CULTURE	AEROBIC SWAB	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP
GU, MALE CULTURE	AEROBIC SWAB	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP
RESPIRATORY CULTURE	STERILE CONTAINER	WITHIN 24 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
STOOL CULTURE	CARY BLAIR SWAB *Collect a pea size of fecal matter in	WITHIN 24 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
URINE CULTURE	Cary Blair Swab UA COLLECTION KIT *Do not send the blue container, discard after urine has been	WITHIN 24 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
OCCULT BLOOD, STOOL	transferred into tubes HEMOCULT CARD OR IMMUNE FECAL OCCULT BLOOD COLLECTION	WITHIN 14 DAYS	ROOM TEMP
PARASITOLOGY (O&P) Raw stool container can be used to test for C-Diff, Rotavirus, and Occult Blood	3 VIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM	WITHIN 12 DAYS	WHITE VIAL=REFRIGERATE PINK AND BLUE VIALS=ROOM TEMP
MRSA, PCR	COPAN LIQUID STUART CULTURE SWAB	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP
***MRSA NASAL SCREEN	AEROBIC/MISC. CULTURE	WITHIN 24 HOURS	Place a few drops of saline solution onto swab and store at ROOM TEMP
*** TO RULE OUT MRSA Other source than nasal; please order Misc/Aerobic Culture and indicate on order to check for MRSA along with source	AEROBIC/MISC. CULTURE	WITHIN 24 HOURS	Place a few drops of saline solution onto swab and store at ROOM TEMP
CHLAMYDIA BY NUCLEIC ACID	XPERT CT/NG COLLECTION KIT	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP OR
PROBE (Female) CHLAMYDIA (Male and Female)	YELLOW CAPPED URINE TUBE	WITHIN 3 DAYS	REFRIGERATE ROOM TEMP OR
N.GONORRHEA BY NUCLEIC ACID PROBE (Female)	XPERT CT/NG COLLECTION KIT	WITHIN 14 DAYS	REFERIGERATE REFRIGERATE
N.GONORRHEA (Male and Female)	YELLOW CAPPED URINE TUBE	WITHIN 3 DAYS	ROOM TEMP
THROAT CULTURE	AEROBIC SWAB	WITHIN 24 HOURS	ROOM TEMP
GROUP B STREP	AEROBIC SWAB	2 DAYS	ROOM TEMP
ACID FAST CULTURE	SPUTUM OR STERILE	2 HOURS AT ROOM	<<<<<<
ACID THOT COLIONE	COLLECTION COTNAINER	TEMP OR 24 HOURS REFRIGERATED	
FUNGAL CULTURE	SPECIMEN: SKIN, HAIR, NAILS, SPUTUM IN STERILE CONTAINER	2 HOURS AT ROOM TEMP OR 24 HOURS REFRIGERATED	<<<<<<
C-DIFF	PLAIN STOOL (NON-STERILE) CONTAINER	WITHIN 2 DAYS	REFRIGERATE
ROTAVIRUS	PLAIN STOOL (STERILE CONTAINER)	WITHIN 24 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
INFLUENZA A&B RAPID	AEROBIC SWAB	WITHIN 24 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
INFLUENZA A&B, PCR	INFLUENZA BY PCR COLLECTION KIT (UTM FOR INFLUENZA)	WITHIN 72 HOURS	REGRIGERATE
HERPES CULTURE	HERPES CULTURE COLLECTION KIT (M4RT)	WITHIN 72 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)	NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB	WITHIN 48 HOURS	REFRIGERATE
GASTROINTESTINAL PANEL	CARY BLAIR VIAL	WITHIN 4 DAYS	ROOM TEMP
RESPIRATORY PATHOGEN PANEL	INFUENZA BY PCR COLLECTION KIT	4 HOURS AT ROOM TEMP OR 3 DAYS REFRIGERATED	<<<<<<
ENTEROVIRUS RNA BY PCR	CSF IN STERILE PLASTIC VIAL	WITHIN 72 HOURS	REFRIGERATE