
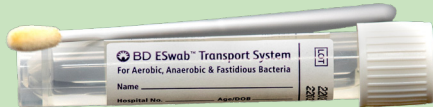




Test	Source	Stability	Media
Wound culture and gram stain	Wound	Ambient 2 days	<p>ESwab</p>  <p>Mini-tip Swab (Urogenital Tract)</p>  <p>Regular Swab (Vaginal)</p>
Abscess culture and gram stain	Abscess	Specimen types are acceptable for anaerobic culture	
Miscellaneous culture	Ear, eye and other specimen types for which no specimen-type-specific code exists	Ambient 2 days Corneal specimens may be submitted on agar media	
Genital culture	Amniotic fluid, bartholin cyst, cervix, culdocentesis, endometrium, epididymis or testicular, fallopian tubes & pelvic cavity, genital ulcer, IUD, penile lesion, placenta, skene's glands, urethra, uterus, vagina, vulva	Ambient 2 days Specimen types are NOT acceptable for anaerobic culture	
GC screen culture	Genital, rectal, throat	Inoculated Modified Thayer-Martin (MTM) media in CO2 atmosphere and stored ambient 1 day Eswab ambient 1 day Refrigerated NOT acceptable	
Strep A by nucleic acid test	Throat	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days	
Throat culture			
Prenatal GBS, rapid molecular (reflex sensitivity)	Vaginal/rectal, perineum	Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 3 days	
MRSA screen culture	Nares, rectum or other sites	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days	
VRE screen culture	Nares, rectum, axilla, torso, groin, stool	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days Stool must be in fecal swab	
Fungus culture	Abscess wounds	Refrigerated 3 days	
Stool culture with Shiga toxin	Stool	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 3 days	<p>Fecal Swab</p> 
Vibrio culture			
Yersinia culture			
Ova & Parasite	Stool	Preserved ambient 6 months Unpreserved refrigerated 2 days	<p>Para-Pak</p> 
Cryptosporidium antigen	Stool	Preserved (formalin) ambient 1 year Unpreserved (urine cup) refrigerated 1 day	
Cyclospora by modified acid fast			
Giardia antigen			

Test	Source	Stability
AFB smear and culture	Lower respiratory, urine, stool, gastric aspirate, tissue, sterile body fluid	Ambient 2 hours, Refrigerated 5 days
MTB/RIF assay, sputum	Lower respiratory	Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 10 days
Lower respiratory culture and gram stain	Lower respiratory	
Urine culture	Clean catch, cath urine and special collections (nephrostomy, cystostomy, kidney tap, suprapubic aspirate)	Ambient 2 hours, Refrigerated 1 day
Strep pneumo antigen	Urine, CSF	Urine: ambient 24 hours, refrigerated 1 week, frozen 2 weeks CSF: ambient 24 hours, refrigerated 1 week, frozen 1 weeks
Legionella antigen, urine	Urine	Ambient 1 day, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days
Chlamydia/GC PCR	Raw urine (all ages)	Ambient 1 day, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 1 month
Body fluid culture and gram stain	Body fluid (except CSF)	Ambient 1 day, acceptable for anaerobic cultures May be in a syringe with needle removed and securely capped with a Luer Tip Cap
Tissue culture and gram stain	Unfixed tissue, biopsy	
Aspirate culture and gram stain	Aspirate	Ambient 1 day, acceptable for anaerobic cultures
H. pylori antigen, stool	Stool	Refrigerated 3 days, Frozen 30 days
Lactoferrin, qualitative, stool	Stool	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 3 days, Frozen 30 days
C difficile GDH/Toxin reflex NAAT	Stool, unpreserved	Ambient 1 hour, Refrigerated 2 days
Fungus culture	Hair, skin, nails Body fluid, CSF, lower respiratory, urine, unfixed tissue	Ambient 3 days Refrigerated 3 days

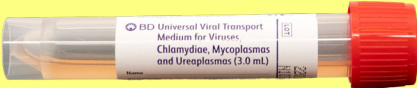



Sterile Container
(Orange or Blue Cap)

SARS-CoV-2 Ag	Nasal swab	Ambient 5 days Refrigerated 5 days
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15 ml Conical Foam Swab

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Influenza A/B PCR	Nasopharyngeal or nasal swab	Ambient 2 days Refrigerated 7 days	 <p>Universal Transport Medium (UTM)</p>
RSV RNA, real time PCR			
SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) PCR			
HSV PCR	Genital swab (Vaginal, Endocervical, Urethral) Cutaneous and mucocutaneous lesion swabs (genital, skin, anorectal, nasal, ocular, oral, urethral)	Ambient 2 days Refrigerated 7 days Frozen 1 month	
Chlamydia/GC PCR	Genital swab (Vaginal, Endocervical, Urethral) *Age 14 and older only*	Ambient 12 hours Refrigerated 7 days Frozen 1 month	
Vaginitis panel, DNA (for Trichomonas, Yeast, Gardnerella Vaginosis)	Vaginal swab	Ambient 3 days Refrigerated 3 days	 <p>Vaginal Swab in Affirm Transport System</p>
Pertussis culture	Nasopharyngeal swab	Submit to lab within 2 hours	Contact lab for collection device

Specimens and lab requisition form must be sent together and both be labeled with:

- Patient name
- Patient date of birth
- Date of collection
- Time of collection

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