

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT CHART

Labeling requirements: Last, First name, Date of Birth, Date, Time, Initials and for Microbiology specimens add source & site.

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A BBL™ Culture Swab Plus™ Blue cap. Plastic shaft, rayon swab. Amies agar gel transport medium. 	Use for collection of specimen for aerobic or anaerobic bacterial culture from most body sites. Do not use for Group A Strep antigen detection. Record source on specimen container. Transport promptly at room temperature.	I Para-Pak® ara-Pak® Cary Blair Transport Medium Para-Pak® C&S (Cary-Blair) transport medium. 	Use for the detection of Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, and E. coli O 157. Maintains the viability of enteric pathogens during transport. Transport promptly at room temperature.	B. Pertussis, B. Parapertussis(BPDNA) E Biopsy L Biopsy, Bone Marrow biopsies M Cell Count, Body Fluid O Chlamydia Trachomatis (CTDNA) D F J Clostridium Difficile I COVID E F Cryptosporidium F H Crystals, Synovial Fluid O Culture, Acid Fast F Culture, Cystic Fibrosis A F Culture, Cytomegalovirus (CMV) E F Culture, Ear A C Culture, Eye A C Culture, Fluid F Culture, Fungus A F Culture, General A Culture, Genital A Culture, Group B strep A Culture, Lower Respiratory F Culture, Nasopharynx A C Culture, Stool F I Culture, Throat A Culture, Urine F G Culture, Urethral, Male C Culture, Virus E F Drugs of Abuse Screen, Urine F N Fine Needle Aspirate (FNA) P Giardia Antigen F H Group A Strep Antigen B Influenza A & B RNA PCR E F Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) E F Human Papillomavirus (HPV) J MRSA A Neisseria Gonorrhoeae (GCDNA) D F J Occult Blood, Feces (IFOBD) K Ova and Parasite H Pap Test , Thin Prep J Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) E F Toxicology Screen, Urine F N Trichomonas Vaginalis (VAGC3) D Urinalysis F Vaginitis Panel D J Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci A F Varicella Zoster (VZV) E Yeast (ordered with Culture) A
B BBL™ Culture Swab™ Red Cap. Plastic shaft, rayon swab. Liquid Stuart/Amies sponge. 	Use for Group A Streptococcus antigen detection. Record source on specimen container. Transport promptly at room temperature.	J THIN PREP® Vial PreservCyt® solution vial. 	For the evaluation of inflammatory, infectious, or benign proliferative conditions; screening of unsuspected or confirmation of suspected atypia; premalignant or malignant changes; follow-up of patients with known and/or treated premalignancy or malignancy. Transport promptly at room temperature.	
C BBL™ Culture Swab™ Green cap. Small swab tip, soft aluminum shaft. Amies liquid transport medium. 	Use for collection of specimen for routine bacterial culture from the eye, male urethra, nasopharynx and other sites requiring the use of a small tip swab. Record source on specimen container. Transport promptly at room temperature.	K OC-Auto Micro 80 Sample Collection Device Immuno fecal occult blood collection. 	For screening for colorectal cancer. Record patient name and date of birth on label and place on specimen. Specimen viable for 14 days room temperature, 30 days refrigerated. Transport promptly at room temperature.	
D APTIMA® Multitest Swab White Cap. Orange label. Plastic Shaft. Clear Media Note: Contact NorDx for APTIMA® Unisex Swab 	Use for the detection of Chlamydia Trachomatis and Neisseria Gonorrhoeae. Vaginitis Panel including: Candida Albicans, Candida Glabrata, Trichomonas Vaginalis and Gardnerella Vaginalis. Record source on specimen container. Transport promptly.	L Formalin Container 	Use to fix and preserve tissues for histologic and pathologic study. Transport promptly at room temperature.	
E UTM Medium Red cap (room temp). Pink media. 	Useful for transport of virus, mycoplasma, ureaplasma and B. PERTUSSIS & B. PARAPERTUSSIS. Record source on specimen container. Not to be used for CT/GC or Vaginitis. Transport promptly refrigerated.	M AZF (Acetic Zinc Formalin) 	Use for bone marrow biopsies. Transport promptly at room temperature.	
F Sterile Container Plain sterile container. 	Use for transport of specimens for tests where preservatives are not indicated. Record source on specimen container. Note: CT/GC see test catalogue for instructions. Transport promptly refrigerated.	N Urine Drug Monitoring (UDM) Container With Temperature Strip 	Use for collection of urine drug monitoring. Transport promptly refrigerated.	
G Vacutainer® Urine Transport Tube Vacutainer® gray-top urine culture transport tube with preservative 	Use for maintaining constant bacterial count during transport. Specimen viable for 48 hours. Record source on specimen container. Transport promptly at room temperature.	O Green-top (sodium heparin NO GEL) or Lavender-top (EDTA) tube 	Use for the detection of cell count and crystals. Record source on specimen container. Note: Clotted specimen may be rejected as clots invalidate quantitative count. Transport promptly refrigerated.	
H Para-Pak® Formalin and PVA Vials Para-Pak® vials with zinc polyvinyl alcohol (Zn-PVA, a mercury-free alternative) and formalin preservative 	Use for the detection of stool parasites from preserved stool specimen. Record source on specimen container. Transport promptly at room temperature.	P ThinPrep® Vial CytoLyt® Solution 	Use for cytologic examination of non gyn, fine needle aspirates, or brushings. Note: A separate specimen is needed for cultures. Transport promptly at room temperature.	