



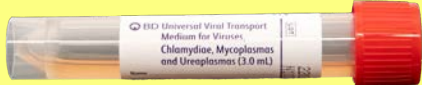






Specimen Media Chart

Test	Code	Source	Stability	Media
Wound culture and gram stain	5535	Wound	Ambient 2 days	 ESwab Mini-tip Swab (Urogenital Tract)  Regular Swab (Vaginal)
Abscess culture and gram stain	5519	Abscess	Specimen types are acceptable for anaerobic culture	
Miscellaneous culture	624	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	5512	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	625	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	5824	Throat	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days	
Throat culture	616			
Prenatal GBS, rapid molecular (reflex sensitivity)	6204 6204R	Vaginal/rectal	Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 3 days	
MRSA screen culture	618	Nares, rectum or other sites	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days	
VRE screen culture	661	Nares, rectum, axilla, torso, groin, stool	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days Stool must be in fecal swab	
Fungus culture	645	Abscess wounds	Refrigerated 3 days	
Ova & Parasite	5216	Stool	Preserved ambient 6 months Unpreserved refrigerated 2 days	 Para-Pak
Cryptosporidium antigen	6231	Stool	Preserved (formalin) ambient 1 year Unpreserved (urine cup) refrigerated 1 day	
Cyclospora by modified acid fast	6040			
Giardia antigen	4719			

Test	Code	Source	Stability	Media
AFB smear and culture	651 651S	Lower respiratory, urine, stool, gastric aspirate, tissue, sterile body fluid	Ambient 2 hours, Refrigerated 5 days	 <p>Sterile Container (Orange or Blue Cap)</p>
MTB/RIF assay, sputum	6555	Lower respiratory	Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 10 days	
Lower respiratory culture and gram stain	93	Lower respiratory	Ambient 2 hours, Refrigerated 1 day	
Urine culture	626	Clean catch, cath urine and special collections (nephrostomy, cystostomy, kidney tap, suprapubic aspirate)		
Strep pneumo antigen	5894	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	5123	Urine	Ambient 1 day, Refrigerated 14 days, Frozen 30 days	
Chlamydia/GC PCR	183	Raw urine (all ages)	Ambient 1 day, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 1 month	
Body fluid culture and gram stain	655	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	5783	Unfixed tissue, biopsy	Ambient 1 day, acceptable for anaerobic cultures	
Aspirate culture and gram stain	5521	Aspirate		
H. pylori antigen, stool	5786	Stool	Refrigerated 3 days, Frozen 30 days	
Lactoferrin, qualitative, stool	7682	Stool	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 3 days, Frozen 30 days	
C difficile GDH/Toxin reflex NAAT	7123	Stool, unpreserved	Ambient 1 hour, Refrigerated 2 days	
Fungus culture	6233	Hair, skin, nails	Ambient 3 days	
	645	Body fluid, CSF, lower respiratory, urine, unfixed tissue	Refrigerated 3 days	

Test	Code	Source	Stability	Media
Influenza A/B PCR	6234	Nasopharyngeal or nasal swab	Ambient 2 days Refrigerated 5 days	 Universal Transport Medium (UTM)
RSV RNA, real time PCR	6254			
SARS CoV-2 (COVID-19) PCR	7179			
Influenza A/B and RSV PCR	6255			
Influenza A/B, SARS CoV-2, and RSV PCR	TBD			
Influenza A/B and SARS CoV-2	TBD			
HSV PCR	6256	Genital swab (Vaginal, Endocervical, Urethral) Cutaneous and mucocutaneous lesion swabs (genital, skin, anorectal, nasal, ocular, oral, urethral)	Refrigerated 7 days Frozen 1 month	  Broom COMBI Brush & Spatula
Chlamydia/GC PCR (If under 14 years, call Client Services)	183	Genital swab (Vaginal, Endocervical, Urethral) *Age 14 and older only*	Ambient 12 hours Refrigerated 7 days Frozen 1 month	
HPV	7614	Cervical or vaginal	<i>SurePath</i> Ambient - 6 weeks Refrigerated - 6 months	
PAP and HPV Co-Test	7631		<i>ThinPrep</i> Ambient - 4 weeks Refrigerated - 6 months	
PAP with Reflex	6738B			
Chlamydia/GC PCR	4328	Endocervical	<i>SurePath</i> Ambient - 1 month Refrigerated- 2 months	
Chlamydia PCR	4336		<i>ThinPrep</i> Ambient - 1 month Refrigerated- 2 months	
Neisseria Gonorrhea PCR	4337			
Chlamydia/GC PCR	183	Urine	<i>Cobas PCR Urine Kit</i> Ambient - 12 months Refrigerated - 12 months	
Chlamydia PCR	484	Genital swab (Vaginal, Endocervical, Urethral)	<i>Cobas PCR Swab Kit</i> Ambient - 12 months Refrigerated - 12 months	
Neisseria Gonorrhea PCR	479	*Non-Genital swab (Anorectal and Oropharyngeal)		

Test	Code	Source	Stability	Media
Vaginitis panel, DNA (for Trichomonas, Yeast, Gardnerella Vaginosis)	5493	Vaginal swab	Ambient 3 days Refrigerated 3 days	 <p>Vaginal Swab in Affirm Transport System</p>
Stool culture, Shiga toxin and Campy Antigen	8471	Stool	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 3 days	 <p>Fecal Swab</p>
Vibrio culture	308			
Yersinia culture	311			
SARS CoV-2 Ag (Nursing Home Only)	7752	Nasal swab	Ambient 5 days Refrigerated 5 days	 <p>15 ml Conical Foam Swab</p>

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

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

Contact

Client Services
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