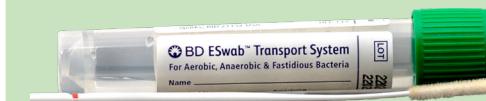


# Specimen Media Chart

Test	Code	Source	Stability	Media
Wound culture and gram stain	5535	Wound	Ambient 2 days Specimen types are acceptable for anaerobic culture	
Abscess culture and gram stain	5519	Abscess		
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	ESwab
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	Mini-tip Swab (Urogenital Tract)
Strep A by nucleic acid test	5824			
Throat culture	616	Throat	Ambient 2 days, Refrigerated 2 days	
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	
Cryptosporidium antigen	6231			
Cyclospora by modified acid fast	6040	Stool	Preserved (formalin) ambient 1 year Unpreserved (urine cup) refrigerated 1 day	
Giardia antigen	4719			


**ESwab**

**Mini-tip Swab  
(Urogenital Tract)**

**Regular Swab  
(Vaginal)**

**Para-Pak**

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	
MTB/RIF assay, sputum	6555	Lower respiratory	Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 10 days	
Lower respiratory culture and gram stain	93	Lower respiratory		
Urine culture	626	Clean catch, cath urine and special collections (nephrostomy, cystostomy, kidney tap, suprapubic aspirate)	Ambient 2 hours, Refrigerated 1 day	
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	



**Sterile Container**  
(Orange or Blue Cap)

Test	Code	Source	Stability	Media
Influenza A/B PCR	6234	Nasopharyngeal or nasal swab	Ambient 2 days Refrigerated 7 days	
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	8019			
Influenza A/B and SARS CoV-2	8020			
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	
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			
PAP with Reflex	6738B	Endocervical	<i>ThinPrep</i> Ambient - 4 weeks Refrigerated - 6 months	 
Chlamydia/GC PCR	4328			
Chlamydia PCR	4336	Endocervical	<i>SurePath</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) *Non-Genital swab (Anorectal and Oropharyngeal)	<i>Cobas PCR Swab Kit</i> Ambient - 12 months Refrigerated - 12 months	
Neisseria Gonorrhea PCR	479			

## Universal Transport Medium (UTM)

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

**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

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