

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

HIV, Western Blot (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Serum / Plasma*	NA	NA	Samples that are collected into anticoagulant tubes should be filled as indicated by labeling to avoid improper dilution.	NA. Please see transport device under S&H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ship each specimen as obtained. • Transport device: Blood collection tubes and Plasma separation tubes. • Rejection Criteria: Please do not heat inactivate the serum/plasma specimen. Not following listed Transport Media and/or S&H Methods. Please see General Rejection Criteria below. • Transport: Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice (to freeze specimen, see Storage instructions below). • Storage: If not able to ship immediately, hold no longer than 2 days at room temperature or 7 days at 2-8°C. May be frozen after removal from the clot, red blood cells or separator gel.
Oral fluid			Collect into OraSure HIV-1 Oral Specimen Collection Device.	NA. Please see transport device under S&H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ship each specimen as obtained. • Transport device: OraSure collection kits. • Rejection Criteria: Not following listed Transport Media and/or S&H Methods. Please see General Rejection Criteria below. • Transport: Ship at room temperature. • Storage: Room temperature. Ship specimen as obtained.

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Not refrigerated or frozen properly.
- Leaky specimen.
- Did not obtain approval from State STD Program.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.

Collection kit availability

OraSure HIV-1 Oral Specimen collection device may be ordered from the PHL.

Comments

- Ship each specimen as obtained.
- Do not use OraSure HIV-1 Oral Specimen collection kit for blood collection.