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| Urine         | Between noon and 3 pm each day | Three specimens collected over a 3 – 10 day period. | • Collect 20-30 mls in sterile urine specimen cup.  
• No preservatives necessary. | NA             | • Transport device: Sterile specimen cup.  
• Rejection Criteria:  
  o Leaking specimen.  
  o Collected on same day as another specimen.  
• Transport: Ship at ambient temperature.  
  Ship as Category B.  
• Storage: Store at ambient temperature. |
| Sputum        | Collection should occur first thing in the morning | NA                   | • Collect in sterile specimen cup with equal volume of 10% formalin.  
• Sputum should be obtained from the lower respiratory passages rather than a sample consisting mainly of saliva. | 10% Formalin    | • Transport device: Sterile specimen cup.  
• Rejection Criteria:  
  o Leaking specimen.  
• Transport: Ship at ambient temperature.  
  Ship as Category B.  
• Storage: Store at ambient temperature. |

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  
**All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  
NA: Not Applicable  
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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- 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.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

- Sputum specimens are tested for Tuberculosis prior to analysis in the Parasitology lab. Reporting will be delayed by several days.