### Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

**Aerobic Bacterial Identification (Version 1)**

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*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  NA: Not Applicable  Last Revised: March 2015*

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| Bacterial isolate | NA | NA | NA | Appropriate growth media | • **Transport device:** Screw-cap tube or agar plate (seal with parafilm, if available).  
• **Rejection Criteria:**  
  o Mixed culture.  
  o Non-viable specimen.  
  o Broken transport device.  
  o Leaking specimen.  
• **Transport:** Ship at ambient temperature.  
  Ship as Category B.  
• **Storage:** Store at ambient temperature. |
General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- 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