

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Fastidious Bacterial Culture (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Clinical Specimens	NA	NA	NA	Fastidious transport media such as Amies with charcoal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: As appropriate. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inappropriate transport media. ○ Non-viable specimen. ○ Broken transport device. ○ 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

Please call Special Bacteriology at (206) 418-5452 if you have any questions.