**Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions**  
**Fastidious Bacterial Culture (Version 1)**  
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| Clinical Specimens   | NA              | NA                   | NA                    | Fastidious transport media such as Amies with charcoal| • **Transport device**: As appropriate.  
• **Rejection Criteria**:  
  o Inappropriate transport media.  
  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. |

*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)

- 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.