### Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

**Fastidious Bacterial Culture (Version 1)**

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| Isolate       | NA              | NA                   | NA                    | Media supporting fastidious bacterial growth (e.g. chocolate slant) | • **Transport device:** Plate or slant, 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  Last Revised: March 2015*
**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**

- Most fastidious organisms require Chocolate plates or slants incubated in 5% CO₂ incubator at 37°C, prior to transport.
- Please note that some organisms may take more than one day to grow.
- Please see *Legionella* or *Neisseria* pages for more information.