Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions
*Corynebacterium diphtheriae Identification (Version 1)*
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| Isolate       | NA              | NA                   | NA                    | Choc slant, HIA or BHI slant. Pai or Loeffler's slant preferred. | **Transport device:** Please see Transport Media.  
**Rejection Criteria:**  
  o Mixed culture.  
  o Non-viable specimen.  
  o Broken transport device.  
  o Leaking specimen.  
**Transport:** Ship ASAP. If possible, incubate before shipping.  
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**

Available. Please contact your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ).

**Comments**