### Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

**Syphilis, Reference – Serum and Plasma** *(Version 1)*

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| Serum*        | NA                   | • Collect in red top or tiger top tube. Spin down, then transfer serum into a screw top plastic tube.  
• **Minimum volume:** 2 ml of serum. | NA              | • **Transport device:** Plastic screw top tube  
• **Rejection Criteria:** Not following listed Collection and/or S&H Methods. Please see General Rejection Criteria below.  
• **Transport:** Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs to arrive at WAPHL within 5 days of collection. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice.  
• **Storage:** Refrigerate at 2-8°C for up to 5 days. If stored longer, freeze at -20°C or -80°C. |
| Whole Blood   | NA                   | • Collect in red or tiger top tube.  
• **Minimum volume:** 5-10 ml. | NA              | • **Transport device:** Red or tiger top tube.  
• **Rejection Criteria:** Not following listed Collection and/or S&H Methods. Please see General Rejection Criteria below.  
• **Transport:** Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs within 5 days of collection. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice.  
• **Storage:** Refrigerate at 2-8°C for up to 5 days. If stored longer, freeze at -20°C or -80°C. |
| Plasma        |                      | • Collect in EDTA, heparin tube.  
• **Minimum volume:** 7 ml. |                      | • **Transport device:** EDTA, heparin tube.  
• **Rejection Criteria:** Not following listed Collection and/or S&H Methods. Please see General Rejection Criteria below.  
• **Transport:** Ship promptly at room temperature. If previously refrigerated, ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. Plasma must be received at the WAPHL within 48 hours of collection.  
• **Storage:** If needed, refrigerate at 2-8°C. |

*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)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Not refrigerated or frozen properly.
- Insufficient specimen volume.
- Leaky specimen.
- 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.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

- Plasma must be received at the WAPHL within 48 hours of collection.
- Please list on form the type of test performed at your laboratory and the results of the test.