**Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions**

**HIV, Enzyme Immuno Assay (EIA), HIV 1/ HIV 2 Differentiation Assay (Version 3)**

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| Serum         | NA              | NA                   | To avoid improper dilution, samples that are collected into anticoagulant tubes should be filled as indicated by labeling. | Serum tube, serum separator tubes (SSTs) | • Do not heat-inactivate the samples.  
• Ship each specimen as obtained.  
• **Transport device:** Specimens are allowed to clot at room temperature and be centrifuged. Transfer serum to sterile, leak-proof screw-capped vials.  
• **Transport:** Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice (to freeze specimen, see Storage instructions below).  
• **Storage:** If not able to ship immediately, hold no longer than 5 days at 2-8°C. After 5 days, serum may be stored frozen at -20°C. |

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NA: Not Applicable  
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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Not refrigerated or frozen properly.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:
Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information is provided on requisition form:

- Patient name
- Full address of patient, or patient zip code at a minimum
- 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

None.

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