

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Clostridium botulinum toxin (Version 2)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**	
Serum	At illness	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain serum in red top or serum separator tubes (no anticoagulant). Minimum volume: ~10ml. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: See Collection Procedures. Transport: Ship cold (2° - 8°C) on ice packs. Storage: Refrigerate at 2° - 8°C. 	
From infant patient			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For stool, collect 10-50g (ping-pong ball sized). For enema, collect with 10-20ml non-bacteriostatic water into a sterile unbreakable container. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: Sterile leak-proof container. Transport: Ship cold (2° - 8°C) on ice packs. Storage: Refrigerate at 2° - 8°C. 	
Tissue, Exudate, or Wound Swab			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place specimen into sterile unbreakable container. Specimens should be placed in anaerobic transport media. 	Anaerobic transport media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: See Collection Procedures. Transport: Ship at room temperature. Storage: Store at room temperature. 	
Gastro-intestinal (environmental)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For stool, collect 10-50g (ping-pong ball sized). For enema, vomitus or gastric contents, collect with 10-20ml non-bacteriostatic water into a sterile unbreakable container. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foods should be left in their original containers if possible. If transferring, place food into a sterile unbreakable, puncture resistant container. Label carefully. Place containers individually in leak-proof containers (e.g., sealed plastic bags) to prevent cross-contamination during shipment. Empty containers with remnants of suspected foods can be examined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: Sterile leak-proof container. Transport: Ship cold (2° - 8°C) on ice packs. Storage: Refrigerate at 2° - 8°C.
Food (environmental)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: See Collection Procedures. Transport: Ship cold (2° - 8°C) on ice packs. Storage: Refrigerate at 2° - 8°C. Do not freeze. 			

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Not shipped at indicated temperature.
- Insufficient specimen volume.
- Leaky specimen.
- Did not obtain LHJ or DOH CDE approval.
- 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