

# Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

## Fastidious Bacterial Culture (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Isolate	NA	NA	NA	Media supporting fastidious bacterial growth (e.g. chocolate slant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Plate or slant, as appropriate.</li> <li>• <b>Rejection Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inappropriate transport media.</li> <li>○ Non-viable specimen.</li> <li>○ Broken transport device.</li> <li>○ Leaking specimen.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B.</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Store at ambient temperature.</li> </ul>

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### **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% CO<sub>2</sub> 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.