

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Neisseria Species Culture (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Genital cultures [#]	NA	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a swab to swab the uro-genitals and plate it on a chocolate plate. Incubate the plate in CO₂ incubator at 35°C before sending out or send immediately with a CO₂ tablet. 	Neisseria Transport medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: Chocolate plate or charcoal swab. Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimen not received in a transport medium. Specimen with significant desiccation. Specimen received ≥24hrs after collection. Cracked or leaking specimen container. Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B. Storage: Store at 4-8°C.
Conjunctivae		Collect before topical medications are applied.	Sample both eyes with separate swabs.	Charcoal swab	
Cerebrospinal Fluid		Collect before antimicrobial therapy.	Collect at least 2ml.	NA	
Blood		Collect before or during a fever spike for optimal recovery.	Collect at least 20-30ml.	NA	

[#]Contact the Public Health Laboratory for submission protocols (206) 418-5422.

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

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