

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Candida species Identification and Fungal Susceptibility Testing (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)*
<p><i>Candida</i> isolates from any body site (invasive or non-invasive). Exclude <i>C. albicans</i>.</p>	NA	NA	<p>Submit clonal isolates (selected from a single colony) on a Sabouraud's Dextrose agar slant or other appropriate media.</p>	<p>Sabouraud Dextrose agar slant.</p> <p>Note: Plate may be used <i>only</i> if transported by courier.</p>	<p>Transport device: Sabouraud's Dextrose agar slant. Note: Plate may be used <i>only</i> if transported by courier.</p> <p>Rejection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contaminated media. ○ Does not meet <i>Candida</i> testing criteria. ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. ○ Improperly sealed slant or plate. ○ Requisition form/isolate discrepancies. <p>Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B.</p> <p>Storage: Store at ambient temperature or 4°C for <1 month.</p>

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

Materials and transportation may be provided by the Washington State Public Health Laboratory ARLN.

Contact for more information: ARLN Laboratory (206) 418-5478.

Comments

None.