

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Parasite – Miscellaneous (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Urine	Between noon and 3pm each day	Three specimens collected over a 3 – 10 day period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect 20-30 mls in sterile urine specimen cup. • No preservatives necessary. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Sterile specimen cup. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leaking specimen. ○ Collected on same day as another specimen. • Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B. • Storage: Store at ambient temperature.
Sputum	Collection should occur first thing in the morning	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect in sterile specimen cup with equal volume of 10% formalin. • Sputum should be obtained from the lower respiratory passages rather than a sample consisting mainly of saliva. 	10% Formalin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Sterile specimen cup. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leaking specimen. • Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B. • Storage: Store at ambient temperature.

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

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- 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

- **Sputum** specimens are tested for Tuberculosis prior to analysis in the Parasitology lab. Reporting will be delayed by several days.