
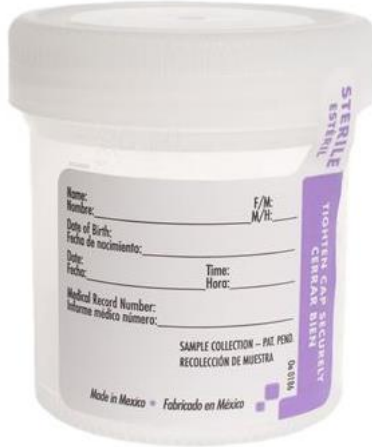






## Specimen Collection Guide (non-blood sources)

Test(s)	Collection supplies/Container	Collection instructions
Wet Prep	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red no-gel vacutainer</li><li>• Sterile swab</li><li>• 0.5 mL saline (not pictured)</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transfer 0.5 mL saline to red-top vacutainer.</li><li>2. Collect sample with sterile swab (urogenital, urethral discharge, prostatic secretions)</li><li>3. Place sterile swab in vacutainer, cutting top to allow lid to be replaced.</li></ol> <p><b>TESTING MUST BE PERFORMED BY LAB WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF COLLECTION. SEND DOWN TO LAB ASAP.</b></p>





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CTNG - Urine Trichomonas DNA Probe Urinalysis Urine Culture Urine Chemistry (Protein, Albumin, Creatinine etc)	<p>Sterile Urine Cup</p> 	Unpreserved urine is stable at refrigerated temperature for 24 hours after collection
COVID19 PCR COVID19 Antigen Influenza RSV COVID PCR Respiratory Pathogen Panel HSV 1 2 PCR Varies VZV PCR Varies Monkeypox, PCR	 <p>Universal Viral Transport Media</p>	UVT Media tube comes packaged with a nasopharyngeal swab. For other collection sites, a sterile cotton swab can be used to collect the specimen, then placed in the UVT media. Please cut the excess swab to allow for recapping.



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CTNG – Endocervical CTNG – Rectal CTNG – Throat CTNG – Vaginal	 <p>Xpert Collection Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport media</li><li>• Cleaning swab (larger head)</li><li>• Collection swab (breakable shaft)</li></ul>	Do NOT use cleaning swab for throat or rectal collections. DO NOT place the cleaning swab into the transport media. After cleaning the site, collect sample with collection swab and place collection swab into transport media, breaking off top of swab at perforation.





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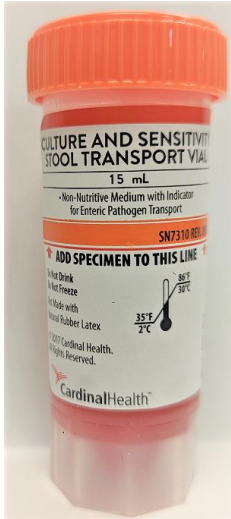
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CTNG – Ocular	 <p>Hologic Aptima Unisex Collection Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport media</li><li>• Cleaning swab (larger head)</li><li>• Collection swab (breakable shaft)</li></ul>	<p>Discard the cleaning swab. This is the only acceptable swab for infant ocular CTNG testing.</p> <p>Male urethral swabs can be collected using this kit, but the preferred specimen type is urine (see CTNG – Urine)</p>
Wound Culture Throat culture Aerobic Culture and Stain	 <p>BBL Culture Swab (red top)</p>	<p>Can be transported at room temperature. Please note source/site on swab label and requisition.</p>




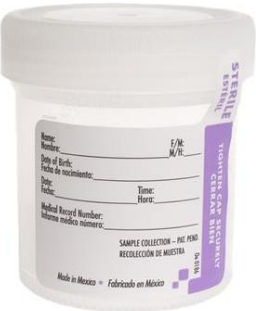
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GI Pathogen Profile PCR Stool	 Fecal Swab	<p>Dip swab into stool collected in commode hat or other collection cup within 30 minutes of bowel movement.</p> <p>Ambient transport is stable for 12 hours, please refrigerate swab if transport is delayed greater than 12 hours .</p>
Cryptosporidium Antigen Stool Giardia Antigen Stool	 10% Formalin Stool Container (pink cap)	<p>Both cryptosporidium and giardia are included in the GI Pathogen Panel (fecal swab, above). Use this formalin pink-top fixative container if ONLY cryptosporidium or giardia is requested.</p> <p>Stool fixed in formalin is stable for 60 days</p>



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Ova and Parasite Exam Leukocytes Stool Qualitative	EcoFix Stool Transport Vial (green cap) 	Common Ova and Parasites are included in the GI Pathogen Panel. If patient has travelled outside of the US, or has other risk factors for non-common parasites, order Ova and Parasite Exam.  O&P stability in EcoFix – 270 days Leukocytes stability in EcoFix – 72 hours
Stool Culture (order as Miscellaneous Test)	Culture and Sensitivity Stool Transport Vial (orange cap) 	Stool culture turnaround time – 5-7 days. Sent to Mayo Clinic Labs, please return to laboratory ASAP (within 48 hours).



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<p>C Diff Toxin Assay Lactoferrin (order as Miscellaneous test) Pancreatic Elastase (order as Miscellaneous test)</p>	 <p>Sterile Container – urine cup or stool collection cup with scoop/spoon</p>	<p>Formed stool will be rejected for C Diff Toxin. C Diff recommended to be returned as soon as possible, under 24 hours. Between 24-48 hours, sample must be frozen. Lactoferrin – stable 7 days, refrigerated Pancreatic Elastase – stable 14 days - <b>MUST BE FROZEN</b></p>
<p>Respiratory Culture – Sputum, expectorated</p>	 <p>Sterile container</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collect specimen early morning (5-6 a.m., before breakfast)</li> <li>2. Brush teeth/remove dentures</li> <li>3. Gargle/rinse mouth with mouthwash</li> <li>4. Inhale deeply 3 times, holding air for 5 seconds</li> <li>5. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cough, expectorate the sputum into the sterile container, trying to limit the amount of saliva</li> </ol>