Effective December 5, 2018, Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories (WDL) has implemented the Carbapenem-resistant Acinetobacter baumannii test to identify asymptotically colonized patients and assist in preventing the spread of this multi-drug resistant organism. This screening method will be performed on a specific subset of inpatients in consultation with Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC). It is currently only available for the Froedtert Network.

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**Specimen Collection:**

- **Stool:** Collect stool specimen in a manner that prevents contamination with water or urine.
- **Rectal Swab:** Using a red-top swab, insert the swabs 2-3 centimeters into the patient’s rectum and turn gently.
- **Sputum:** Collect specimen resulting from deep cough in sterile screw-cap cup or other suitable sterile container.
- **Transtracheal aspirate:** Aspirate the specimen into a sterile sputum trap or sterile screw-cap cup.
- **Superficial skin (inguinal):** Using a red-top swab moistened in saline, swab approximately 5 by 5 inches of the skin next to the inguinal area (either side).

**Specimen Transport and Stability:**

- Transport unpreserved stool and respiratory specimens to the laboratory refrigerated as soon as possible (within 24 hours).
- Transport bacterial culture swab specimens to the laboratory at room temperature as soon as possible (within 48 hours).

**Turnaround Time:**

- **Negative Screen:** 48 to 72 hours
- **Positive Screen, Preliminary Report:** 48 to 72 hours
- **Positive Screen, Final Report:** 72 to 96 hours

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