Specimen Collection and Transport Guide





Hologic ThinPrep Liquid-based PAP Vial

Used for: PAP smear, HPV testing, and Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Trichomonas vaginalis Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT)

Transport: Room temperature, within 2 weeks



ESwab (Flocked swab with Liquid Amies transport)

Used for: Aerobic (routine) culture, Aerobic / Anaerobic culture, or Fungal culture

Transport: Room temperature, within 48 hours.



cobas PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Packet cobas PCR Urine Sample Packet

Used for:

- Dual Swab Sample Packet: Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Trichomonas vaginalis Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT) on vaginal, endocervical, rectal, or throat specimens
- Urine Sample Packet: Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Trichomonas vaginalis Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT) on male or female, first catch urine specimens

Transport:

- Swab at room temperature, within 1 year
- Urine in cobas PCR urine tube at room temperature, within 1 year

Used for: Skin, hair, and nails for fungal culture, sputum or other respir-

atory <u>fluid</u> for Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT) testing or culture,

sterile body fluid for fungal or AFB culture, urine for AFB culture, urine

Sterile Screw-capped Container

or stool for antigen testing, or arthropod or worm exam.



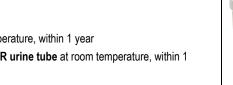
PARA-PAK C&S Vial (orange cap / pink liquid) PARA-PAK Ultra Ecofix (green cap / green liquid) PARA-PAK Clean Vial (white cap / no liquid)

Used for:

- C&S Vial: Bacterial enteric pathogen culture (stool culture) for Salmonella, Shigella, Yersinia, and Campylobacter species, and Shigatoxin producing Escherichia coli
- Ecofix Vial: Cryptosporidium / Giardia screen or full Ova & Parasite exam
- Clean Vial: Clostridium difficile Nucleic Acid Amplified Test (NAAT), Helicobacter pylori antigen, Gram stain, Microsporidium, Cyclospora, or Isopora



- C&S Vial: Room temperature, within 48 hours
- Ecofix Vial: Room temperature, within 7 days
- Clean Vial: Refrigerated, within 48 hours



M6 Transport Medium (pink liquid medium)

Used for: Viral Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT), respiratory Mycoplasma or Chlamydia species. Also used for genital Mycoplasma / Ureaplasma culture, or genital Chlamydia culture

Transport:

- Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT) testing, refrigerated within 4 days
- Culture, refrigerated within 48 hours



Transport

- Skin, hair, nails, arthropod or worm at room temperature, within 48
- · Sputum, respiratory fluid, sterile body fluid, urine, or stool, refrigerated, within 24 hours

Used for: Bordetella pertussis Nucleic Acid Amplified Test (NAAT)



Polymedco OC-Auto 80 Collection Device



Used for: Fecal occult blood testing

Transport: Room temperature, within 15 days



Transport: Refrigerated, within 4 days

BBL CultureSwab Transport System (red cap, dual swab with liquid Stuart's transport)

BBL CultureSwab with flexible mini-tip swab

(dark green cap with liquid Stuart's transport)

Used for: Wet Mount for Trichomonas vaginalis, yeast, and clue cells

Transport: Room temperature, within 24 hours



Sterile Vacutainer Tube (without additive)

Used for: Sterile body fluid or tissue for Aerobic / Anaerobic culture

Transport: Room temperature, within 24 hours



BBL CultureSwab Transport System (red cap, dual swab with liquid Stuart's transport)

Used for: Bacterial Nucleic Acid Amplified Testing (NAAT) including Streptococcus Group A, Streptococcus Group B, Staphylococcus aureus, or Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

Transport: Refrigerated, within 4 days



Gray Top BD Vacutainer Tube

Used for: Bacterial, or fungal culture on urine specimens



Transport: Gray Top Tube, room temperature, within 48 hours. Submit: Sterile screw-capped container with gray top tube.