






Interior Health Microbiology Sample Collection Container Guide









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Inpatients - Enter into Meditech

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Test	Container
<p>Sputum Culture Fluid Culture Tissue Culture GI Virus NAT (vomit) Stool for C Diff: For dedicated C difficile EIA testing. Order on patients hospitalized >3 days or high suspicion of C diff.</p> <p>Mycobacteriology (TB) Culture Mycology (Fungal) Culture TCS, Kootenay area: BCCDC Fungus Requisition required</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Sterile Container</p>
<p>Stool for GI Pathogen Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes testing for C. difficile and bacterial, parasitic and viral pathogens Submit one swab for all testing Not performed on patients hospitalized >3 days Do not overfill container, fill to MAX fill line Leave MAX fill line visible when labelling (must wrap label vertically to not cover up) <p>Stool for GI viruses only (also see stool for GI Pathogen Panel, above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate for any inpatient suspected to have infection, including outbreaks Will still be performed if patient has been hospitalized >3 days 	 <p style="text-align: center;">FecalSwab</p>
<p>Stool Manual Parasite Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rare circumstances only Requires two separate samples collected on different days 	 <p style="text-align: center;">SAF Fixative</p>
<p>Routine Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCS, Kootenay area: all applicable specimens Okanagan Region, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm: Deep wounds, ARO screens (MRSA, CPO, VRE) and OR/DI swabs only 	 <p style="text-align: center;">Copan Gel Swab</p>
<p>Routine Culture</p> <p>Okanagan Region, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superficial wound cultures Superficial eye and ear specimens Genital Cultures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group B Streptococcus screening Vaginal culture with relevant diagnosis Vaginal culture for patients <14 or >59 yrs Vaginal yeast culture with treatment failure Throat Cultures 	 <p style="text-align: center;">Eswab</p>

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Viral PCR: Respiratory i.e. Influenza	 <p>Viral Swab</p>
Viral PCR: Skin/Genital lesions i.e. HSV, VZV	 <p>Viral Swab</p>
Urine Culture (Urine C&S)	 <p>Boric acid</p>
Molecular Vaginitis Panel ** Vaginal swab only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> only for patients between the ages of 14-59 yrs of age with no relevant diagnosis** includes testing for bacterial vaginosis, Yeast (Candida) and Trichomonas vaginalis **if patient is <14/ >59 years of age or has a relevant diagnosis (e.g. pregnancy, post-op infectious complications following gynecological surgery, suspected pelvic inflammatory disease or toxic shock syndrome, or suspected intra-partum or post-partum infection), collect Routine Culture, above Gonorrhoeae (GC) & Chlamydia, and Trichomonas Vaginal Eye Throat Rectal	 <p>Aptima – Multitest **DO NOT use for cervix**</p>
Gonorrhoeae (GC) & Chlamydia, and Trichomonas Urine	 <p>Aptima - Urine</p>
Gonorrhoeae (GC) & Chlamydia, and Trichomonas Endocervical Male Urethral	 <p>Aptima Unisex **DO NOT use for vagina.</p>
Pertussis* *obtain swab from local laboratory	 <p>Minitip ESwab</p>
Pinworm	 <p>Pinworm Collection kit</p>