

## MICROBIOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION CONTAINERS & STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Specimen/ Test	Container	Storage Requirements
<b>Bacterial Cultures</b>		
<b>Urine</b>	Sterile screwtop 80 mL container provided to the patient/physician by the laboratory	Refrigerate Ensure all urine specimens are refrigerated immediately after collection and delivered to the laboratory as soon as possible
<b>Stool</b>	Collection kit provided to the patient by the laboratory	Refrigerate
<b>Sputum</b>	Sterile screwtop container provided to the patient/physician by the laboratory	Refrigerate
<b>Swabs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respiratory</li> <li>• genital</li> <li>• wound</li> <li>• ears/eyes</li> </ul>	Culture tube containing white Amies transport medium provided to the physician by the laboratory	Refrigerate All swabs should be refrigerated and delivered to the laboratory as soon as possible
<b>Viral Cultures</b>	Viral culture tube (contains antibiotic - NOT suitable for bacterial culture). Swab provided to the physician by the BC Centre for Disease Control	Refrigerate
<b>Chlamydia</b>	Swab: Transport swab provided to the physician by the laboratory Urine: Sterile screwtop container provided to the patient/physician by the laboratory	Refrigerate
<b>Fungal Scrapings</b>	Collection kit provided to the physician by the laboratory	Room temperature
<b>Stool for Ova &amp; Parasites</b>	Collection kit provided to the patient by the laboratory	Room temperature
<b>Pinworm Exam</b>	Collection kit provided to the patient by the laboratory	Room temperature
<b>Scabies</b>	Collection kit provided to the physician by the laboratory	Room temperature

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