

Bronson Laboratory Services

Specimen Collection & Transport for Specimens Other Than Blood

Source	Test	Container	Storage	Stability
Body Fluid	AFB culture/smear	Sterile container	Refrigerate	72 hours
Body Fluid (<1 ml)*	Culture, Anaerobic	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Room Temp	24 hours
Body Fluid (1-2 ml)*	Culture, Anaerobic	Sterile container	Room Temp	30 minutes
	Culture, Anaerobic	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Room Temp	24 hours
Body Fluid (>2 ml)*	Culture, Anaerobic	Sterile container	Room Temp	3 hours
	Culture, Anaerobic	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Room Temp	24 hours
Body fluid	Culture, Anaerobic	eSwab (not preferred container type)	Room Temp	72 hours
Body Fluid	Culture, Bacterial	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Body fluid	Culture, Bacterial Routine	eSwab (not preferred container type)	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours
Body fluid	Culture, Fungal, Other	eSwab (not preferred container type)	Room Temp	72 hours
Body Fluid	Culture, Fungal, Other	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Body Fluid	Cytology	Sterile container	Refrigerate	4 days
Catheter Tip	Culture, Bacterial	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Cervix	GC/Chlamydia & Trichomonas DNA probe	Aptima collection kit - genital	Room Temp/Refrigerate	60 days
Cervix	Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma	Universal Transport Media (UTM)	Refrigerate	72 hours
Cervix	Pap Smear	Thin Prep	Room Temp/Refrigerate	21 days
Cervix	HPV	Thin Prep or Brush kit	Room Temp/Refrigerate	21 days
Cervix/Vaginal	Culture, Genital	eSwab	Room Temp	72 hours
Cervix/Vaginal	PCR, Herpes	Universal Transport Media (UTM)	Refrigerate	72 hours
Cervix/Vaginal	KOH prep	eSwab	Room Temp	72 hours
Vaginal/Perirectal	Group B Strep Screen	eSwab	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours
CSF	AFB culture/smear	Tube 2 or 3	Refrigerate	72 hours
CSF	Culture, Bacterial	Tube 2 or 3	Room Temp	2 hours
CSF	Cytology, Cerebrospinal Fluid	Sterile Container	Refrigerate	24 hours
CSF	Meningoencephalitis PCR Panel	Tube 2 or 3	Refrigerate	7 days
CSF	Meningoencephalitis PCR Panel	Tube 2 or 3	Room Temp	24 hours
Hair, Skin and Nails	Culture, Fungal	Sterile container	Room Temp	24 hours
Nares	S. aureus/MRSA PCR screen	eSwab of nares	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours
Nasopharyngeal	Respiratory Infectious Disease Panel	Universal Transport Media (UTM)	Refrigerate	72 hours
Nasopharyngeal	Pertussis	Nasopharyngeal culturette Amies charcoal	Refrigerate	7 days

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Sputum	AFB culture/smear	Sterile container	Refrigerate	72 hours
Sputum	Culture, Bacterial Routine	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Sputum	Culture, Fungal, Other	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Sputum	Culture, Viral	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Sputum	Cytology	Sterile container	Refrigerate	4 days
Stool	C-Diff	Sterile container	Refrigerate	48 hours
Stool	Gastrointestinal PCR Panel	Cary Blair Stool Transport	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours
Stool	Fecal Occult Blood	FOBi sample vial	Refrigerate	10 days
Stool	Giardia/Cryptosporidium and/or Ova & Parasite exam	Protofix Vial	Refrigerate	72 hours
Stool	H.pylori Antigen	Sterile container	Refrigerate	72 hours
Stool	Lactoferrin	Sterile container	Refrigerate	2 weeks
Throat	Group A Strep Culture	eSwab	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours
Tissue	AFB culture/smear	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Refrigerate	72 hours
Tissue*	Culture, Anaerobic	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Room Temp	24 hours
Tissue*	Culture, Bacterial Routine	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Refrigerate	24 hours
Tissue*	Culture, Fungal, Other	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Refrigerate	24 hours
Tissue*	Culture, Quantitative	Port A Cul Vial /ACT I Vial	Refrigerate	24 hours
Tissue	Pathology	Formalin	Room Temp	n/a
Urethra	PCR, Herpes	Universal Transport Media (UTM)	Refrigerate	72 hours
Urethra	GC/Chlamydia & Trichomonas DNA probe	Aptima collection kit - genital	Room Temp/Refrigerate	60 days
Urine	Culture, Bacterial Routine	Grey Top Urine Preservative vial	Room Temp/Refrigerate	48 hours
Urine	GC/Chlamydia & Trichomonas DNA probe	Aptima collection kit - Urine	Room Temp/Refrigerate	60 days
Urine	GC/Chlamydia & Trichomonas DNA probe	Sterile container	Refrigerate	24 hours
Urine	Cytology	Sterile container	Refrigerate	4 days
Wound	Culture, Anaerobic	eSwab	Room Temp	72 hours
Wound	Culture, Bacterial Routine	eSwab	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours
Wound	Culture, Fungal, Other	eSwab	Room Temp/Refrigerate	72 hours

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