

Specimen Transport Devices

The following specimen kits are furnished free of charge upon request. See Appendix C for a supply requisition form.

1. **CHLAMYDIA/GC AMPLIFIED PROBE** – Gen-Probe® UNISEX Swab Specimen Collection Kits and Gen-Probe® Urine Specimen Collection Kits.
2. **CHLAMYDIA DFA** – Slide collection kits.
3. **ENTERIC PATHOGENS** – Amies with charcoal transport medium in screw cap tube.
4. **FUNGUS CULTURES** – Saboraud agar slants in screw cap tubes.
5. **INFLUENZA** – Viral transports. See appendix B for specimen collection instructions.
6. **MYCOBACTERIA (Tuberculosis)** – One plastic 30 ml container (no preservative) for sputum and other body fluids. Ship mycobacteria specimens in coolers with ice packs. See appendix B for specimen collection instructions.
7. **PARASITES** – One-ounce containers with preservative for stool specimens.
8. **PERTUSSIS CULTURE** – Collection kits available from the Division of Laboratory Services. Kit includes two nasopharyngeal swabs, one tube of Reagan Lowe transport medium for culture and one plastic transport tube for PCR. See appendix B for specimen collection instructions.
9. **REFERENCE CULTURES** – Send on solid tubed medium. Do not send plates of actively growing organisms. If cultures in tubed media are not available, a portion of growth can be cut out of an agar plate and placed in a (sterile, screw top, water-tight) container for referral.
10. **SEROLOGY** – Category B shipping boxes only.
11. **SMALLPOX/VACCINIA SHIPPERS** – Collection devices and instructions are included in UN certified Category A Infectious Substance Mailers. Call the Division of Laboratory Services for assistance.
12. **SPECIAL CULTURES** – Contact laboratory for instructions.
13. **TRANSPORT MEDIA** – Amies transport medium with charcoal in screw cap tubes for transporting aerobic bacterial specimens.
14. **VIRAL CULTURES** – Viral transports.