

COLLECTION OF STD SPECIMENS

TEST NAME	COLLECTION CONTAINER	COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS	STABILITY *Includes transport and testing time
Chlamydia & Neisseria gonorrhoeae by Aptima	Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Use for endocervical or male urethral specimen collections. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the Aptima Unisex swab collection kit.	Room temperature - 60 days Refrigerated - 60 days
	Aptima Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Use for vaginal specimen collections only. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the Aptima Vaginal swab collection kit.	Room temperature - 60 days Refrigerated - 60 days
	Sterile Container (blue cap) (Urine)	Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection. Patient should collect first portion of a voided urine specimen (first part of stream- not midstream) into a screw-capped, sterile, plastic, preservative-free specimen collection container. Do not collect less than 10 mL or more than 20 mL of urine. Females should NOT clean the labial area prior to urination.	Room temperature - 24 hours Refrigerated - 24 hours
	M4 Collection Kit	Use for conjunctival swab, anal/rectal swab and throat swab collections. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the viral swab and M4 media collection kit.	Refrigerated - 24 hours
Chlamydia Culture	M4 Collection Kit	Use for genital and ocular specimens. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the viral swab and M4 media collection kit.	Refrigerated - 48 hours Frozen – 1 month
Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC) Culture	Charcoal Culture Swab	Use for genital specimens and mucosal sites. Note: Recovery of Neisseria gonorrhoeae may be inhibited by use of a non-charcoal swab.	Room temperature - 24 hours
	Dual Culture Swab System	Use the red CoPan dual culture swab and transport media for genital specimens and mucosal sites.	Room temperature - 24 hours
Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	Red Top VacutainerTube (Blood)	Collect 3 mL of whole blood in a red top tube, (no anticoagulant), no gel.	Room temperature - 24 hours Refrigerated - 6 days
Hepatitis B Core Antibody	Red Top VacutainerTube (Blood)	Collect 3 mL of whole blood in a red top tube, (no anticoagulant), no gel.	Room temperature - 3 days Refrigerated - 7 days
Herpes Simplex Virus IgM Antibody	Red Top Vacutainer Tube (Blood)	Collect 3 mL of whole blood in a red top tube, (no anticoagulant), no gel. Centrifuge and separate serum from cells within 1 hour of collection and transfer serum into a transfer tube. Sample sent as whole blood will be rejected.	Room temperature serum – 2 days Refrigerated serum – 2 weeks Frozen serum – 12 months
Herpes Simplex Virus by PCR Superficial Site	M4 Collection Kit	Use for throat, genital, rectal, skin/lesion scraping, and ocular specimen collections. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the viral swab and M4 media collection kit.	Refrigerated - 4 days
Herpes Simplex Virus by Culture	M4 Collection Kit	Use skin/ lesion scraping, miscellaneous specimen. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the viral swab and M4 media collection kit.	Refrigerated - 2 days
HIV 1 & 2 Antigen/ Antibody Screen	Purple Top VacutainerTube (Blood)	Collect 3 mL of whole blood in a purple top tube.	Room temperature - 24 hours Refrigerated - 3 days
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	ThinPrep Collection Kit	Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the "SurePath" or "Thin Prep" collection kit.	Room temperature - 3 weeks
Syphilis (RPR)	Red Top VacutainerTube (Blood)	Collect 3 mL of whole blood in a red top tube, (no anticoagulant), no gel.	Room temperature - 24 hours Refrigerated - 48 hours
Trichomonas Vaginalis Amplified Probe	Aptima Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Use for vaginal or endocervical specimen collections only. Contact Laboratory Services at (800) 934-6575 for the Aptima Vaginal swab collection kit.	Room temperature - 60 days Refrigerated - 60 days
	Sterile Container (blue cap) (Urine)	Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection. Patient should collect first portion of a voided urine specimen (first part of stream- not midstream) into a screw-capped, sterile, plastic, preservative-free specimen collection container. Do not collect less than 10 mL or more than 20 mL of urine. Females should NOT clean the labial area prior to urination.	Room temperature - 24 hours Refrigerated - 24 hours