






Specimen Collection Guide




Test Information	Transport Media	Specimen Type	Transport Instructions
Aerobic Culture with Gram Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AERCU CPT 87070, 87205 Group A Strep Screen w/Reflex to Group A Strep Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALXSC CPT 87081, 87880 Group A Strep Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRSC CPT 87081 Group B Strep Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBSCU 87081 MRSA Screening Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRSCU CPT 87081 	 <p>Aerobic Culture Swab, Red Top Supply ID MICRO112</p>	Skin, ear, throat, nasopharyngeal, superficial wound, vaginal, cervical, perirectal	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.


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Bordetella pertussis DNA Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPERD CPT 87798 Respiratory Pathogen Panel by PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESPP CPT 87486 87581 87633 87798 	 <p>Universal Viral Transport Supply ID MICRO114</p>	Nasopharyngeal swab Nasopharyngeal wash, Nasopharyngeal swab, Bronchial lavage (BAL)	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP.



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Aerobic/Anaerobic Culture w/ Gram Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANACU CPT 87070 87075 87205 	 <p>Aerobic Culture Swab Supply ID MICRO112</p> <p>AND</p>  <p>Anaerobic Culture Swab Supply ID MICRO113</p>	Pus, tissue, or other material obtained from an abscess, biopsy, aspirate, drainage, exudate, lesion, or wound.	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.


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Urine Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> URNCU CPT 87086 	 <p>Urine Culture & Sensitivity Kit Supply ID MICRO107</p>	Clean catch, catheter, cystoscopic or suprapubic urines.	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.

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Blood Culture, Aerobic & Anaerobic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLDCU • CPT 87040 	 <p>Aerobic Blood Culture Supply ID MICRO101</p>	3.0-10.0 mL of blood into each aerobic (blue) and anaerobic (purple) bottle. Optimum blood specimen is 20 mL.	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended.
Blood Culture, Pediatric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLDA • CPT 87040 	 <p>Anaerobic Blood Culture Supply ID MICRO102</p>	For Pediatric patients, 1.0-3.0 mL of blood injected into Pediatric (pink) aerobic culture bottle is sufficient.	
	 <p>Pediatric Blood Culture Supply ID MICRO104</p>		

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Herpes Virus Panel CMV, HSV, EBV, VZV, HHV-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVMPO (sources other than blood) • CPT 87496, 87529, 87532, 87798x2 	 <p>Universal Viral Transport Supply ID MICRO114</p> <p>Use swab provided.</p>	Swab should be rolled in base of fresh vesicle to obtain cells.	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.
HSV 1 & 2, DNA Detection & Genotype <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSVD • CPT 87529 		All other specimens (bone marrow in EDTA, bronch wash/BAL, amniotic fluid, CSF and tissue, body fluid other than blood) should be submitted in a sterile container.	
Varicella Zoster DNA Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VZVDO (sources other than blood) • CPT 87798 			
CMV DNA Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMVDO (sources other than blood) • CPT 87496 			
Enterovirus RNA Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVOT (sources other than CSF) • CPT 87498 			
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Adenovirus DNA Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADVOT (specimens other than blood) • CPT 87798 			

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Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIP CPT 87507 	 <p>Enteric Plus Pathogens Container Supply ID MICRO106</p>	Stool	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP.
<p>Panel Includes the Following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campylobacter sp. Plesiomonas shigelloides Salmonella sp. Yersinia enterocolitica Vibrio sp. Vibrio cholera Enteroaggregative E. Coli (EAEC) Enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC) Shiga-like toxin producing E. coli (STEC) stx1/stx2 E. coli O157 Shigella/Enteroinvasive E. coli (EIEC) Adenovirus F 40/41 Astrovirus Norovirus GI/GII Rotavirus A Sapovirus Cryptosporidium Cyclospora cayetanensis Entamoeba histolytica Giardia lamblia 			
Clostridium difficile Toxin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDIF CPT 87324, 87449 	 <p>Sterile Container Supply ID MICRO117</p>	Stool	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP. WBC must be tested within 48 hours of collection. C. diff, rotavirus and H. pylori must be tested within 72 hours.
Stool WBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STWBC CPT 83630 			
Stool Occult Blood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBLDB CPT 82272 			
Stool Occult Blood (screening) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBLDS CPT 82270 			
Helicobacter pylori Antigen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPYAG CPT 87338 			

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Tissue Culture with Gram Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TISCU CPT 87070, 87075, 87176, 87205 	 <p>Sterile Container Supply ID MICRO117</p>	Tissue Culture: Tissue or bone, moistened slightly with sterile saline, in sterile container. Acid Fast Culture: Tissue, body fluid, drainage, respiratory specimens. Fungus Culture: Tissue moistened slightly with sterile saline, pus, purulent fluid, respiratory specimens, body fluid or biopsy. 5 mL fluid minimum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full fungal culture with yeast ID if present. For immunocompromised patients. 	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP. Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP. Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP. Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP.
Acid Fast Culture with Acid Fast Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPT AFBCU 87116, 87206 		Tissue specimen requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1mm required if tissue culture only (TISCU) 5mm required if culture, acid fast and fungus (FUNCU, TISCU, AFBCU) 	
Fungus Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUNCU CPT 87102 			
Fungus Culture for Dermatophyte (Skin Scrapings, Hair, Nails) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUNDCU CPT 87101 			

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<p>Cytology, Genital Screen/Pap Smear Screen or Diagnostic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYGR • CPT Varies <p>HPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPVSP • 87624 	 <p>SurePath Vial Supply ID PAP3</p>  <p>SurePath Broom Supply ID PAP1</p>  <p>SurePath Brush & Spatula Supply ID PAP2</p>	Cervical	Submit <u>room temperature</u> .
<p>Chlamydia trachomatis / N. gonorrhoeae Amplified Probe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STDSW • CPT 87491, 87591 	 <p>Aptima Swab—GC/Chlam (Male & Female) Supply ID MICRO110 OR</p>  <p>Aptima Urine Transport—GC/Chlam Supply ID MICRO111</p>	<p>Endocervical, vaginal, urethral, rectal, throat swab submitted in Aptima swab transport kit.</p> <p>Urine: Patient should NOT urinate for at least 1 hour prior to collection of specimen. Patient should collect ONLY the first 20-30 ml of the initial urine stream in a sterile urine cup. Transfer 2ml of urine into the Aptima urine transport tube.</p>	Submit <u>room temperature ASAP</u> .
<p>Vaginal Pathogens, Direct Probe (Affirm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAGSC • CPT 87480, 87510, 87660 	 <p>Affirm Swab and Transport System Supply ID MICRO109</p>	Vaginal fluid	Submit <u>room temperature ASAP</u> .

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