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<td>Blood</td>
<td>Plasma</td>
<td>Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Viral Load PCR, Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) Viral Load PCR</td>
<td>Duplicate specimen collected within 5 days, Improper specimen received, Insufficient quantity for analysis, Plasma NOT separated from whole blood within 24 hours, Specimen received greater than 24 hours from time of collection</td>
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<td>Serum</td>
<td>BK/J C PCR</td>
<td>Improper specimen received</td>
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<td>Zika Virus PCR</td>
<td>Samples that do NOT have all of the required information detailed on Patient Sample Information Waiver FAX Form - Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory</td>
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<td>Whole</td>
<td>Interferon Gamma Release Assay (TB)</td>
<td>Saskatoon sites: Specimens that arrive after 16 hours collection, Outside of Saskatoon sites: Specimens that arrive after 72 hours of incubation</td>
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<td>Blood Line Catheter Tip</td>
<td>Various</td>
<td>C &amp; S</td>
<td>Urinary Foley catheter tip, chest tube tip, or abdominal drainage tip</td>
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<td>Body Fluid</td>
<td>Lung/Aspirate</td>
<td>C &amp; S</td>
<td>Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached, Specimen greater than 48 hours old</td>
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<td>Bone Marrow</td>
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<td>PCR</td>
<td>Specimen collected in heparinised tube</td>
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<td>Genital</td>
<td>Swab from all sites</td>
<td>PCR</td>
<td>No swab present in UTM-RTMINI collection device, Specimen collected with a non-approved swab (calcium alginate, Starplex)</td>
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<td>Labia/Vulva swab</td>
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| Swab     | Urethral    | Ureaplasma and Mycoplasma | Swab inoculated in COPAN Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT)  
**Note:** This transport medium is **NOT** appropriate for our current method of testing  
Swab **NOT** inoculated into Mycoplasma DUO transport medium |
| Swab     | Endocervix  |                 |                     |
| Swab     | Vaginal     |                 |                     |
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| Nose/Groin | Nose and groin swabs | MRSA Surveillance | Duplicate specimen collected within 7 days |
| Nose/Groin | Wound swab for MRSA follow-up (previous MRSA positive site) |                     |                     |
| Nose/Groin | Perianal swab (previous MRSA positive urine specimen) |                     |                     |
| Rectal   | Rectal swab | VRE Surveillance | Duplicate specimen collected within 14 days  
Rectal/perianal swabs received without visible feces |
| Rectal   |             | ESBL Surveillance |                     |
| Tissue   | Autopsy     | C&S PCR         | Specimen collected in formalin |
| Tissue   | Biopsy      |                 |                     |
| Tissue   | Surgical    |                 |                     |
| Lower Respiratory | Bronchial brushing | C&S | Specimen greater than 48 hours old |
| Lower Respiratory | Bronchial washing | Pneumocystis jirovecii | Specimen not collected in sterile container  
Specimen greater than 24 hours old |
| Lower Respiratory | Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) | C&S | Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached  
Specimen greater than 48 hours old |
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| Lower Respiratory (continued) | Sputum                    | C&S            | - Duplicate specimens within 24 hours  
- If the sputum quality is poor, the culture will be cancelled and a repeat sample requested by the laboratory  
- Specimen greater than 48 hours old  
- Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached |
|                           | C&S Extended Culture Work Up |                | - Duplicate specimen collected:  
  - same day except for CF TRANSPLANT patients  
  - within 7 days for Inpatient  
  - within 30 days for Outpatient  
- Saliva, oropharyngeal secretions, and sinus drainage from nasopharynx are not acceptable specimens  
- Specimen greater than 48 hours old  
- Suction trap container received with tubing attached |
| Tracheal aspirates/secretions | PCR                       |                | - Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached |
|                           | C&S                        |                | - If the specimen quality is poor, the culture will be cancelled and a repeat sample requested by the laboratory  
- Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached  
- Duplicate specimens within 24 hours |
|                           | Ureaplasma/Mycoplasma       |                | - Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached  
- Duplicate specimens within 24 hours  
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|                           | Pneumocystis jirovecii     |                | - Specimen greater than 48 hours old  
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 ➢ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab (calcium alginate, Starplex)  
 ➢ Duplicate specimen collected:  
   ➢ within 7 days for Inpatient  
   ➢ within 30 days for Outpatients  
   ➢ collected the same day  
 ➢ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab |
|                         |             | C&S Extended Culture Work-Up | ➢ Duplicate specimen collected:  
   ➢ within 7 days for Inpatient  
   ➢ within 30 days for Outpatients  
   ➢ collected the same day  
 ➢ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab |
| Nasopharyngeal swab    | PCR         |                | ➢ No swab present in UTM-RTMINI collection device  
 ➢ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab (calcium alginate, Starplex) |
| Urine                  | Catheter    | C&S            | ➢ Bedpan or Texas/Condom catheter collected urine not accepted  
 ➢ Duplicate specimens received from same collection method within 24 hours  
 ➢ Raw urine received in lab >2 hours from time of collection with no indication the specimen was refrigerated and/or transported on ice  
 ➢ Urine received in incorrect/non-sterile collection container (i.e. dipslide or UA preservative tube)  
 ➢ Urine volume less than minimum fill line indicated on preservative tube (<3 mL) |
|                         | Surgical    | Yeast Culture  | ➢ Duplicate specimens received from same collection method within 24 hours  
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|                         | Voided      |                | ➢ Duplicate specimens received from same collection method within 24 hours  
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