

Applies to former Saskatoon Health Region area

Rejection Criteria of Clinical Microbiology Specimens

Specimen	Source/Site	Test Requested	Cancellation Reason
Blood	Plasma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Viral Load PCR ➤ Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) Viral Load PCR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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
	Serum	BK/JC PCR	➤ Improper specimen received
		Zika Virus PCR	➤ Samples that do NOT have all of the required information detailed on Patient Sample Information Waiver FAX Form - Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory
	Whole	Interferon Gamma Release Assay (TB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saskatoon sites: Specimens that arrive after 16 hours collection ➤ Outside of Saskatoon sites: Specimens that arrive after 72 hours of incubation
Blood Line Catheter Tip	Various	C&S	➤ Urinary Foley catheter tip, chest tube tip, or abdominal drainage tip
Body Fluid	Lung/Aspirate	C&S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached ➤ Specimen greater than 48 hours old
Bone Marrow	Bone marrow	PCR	➤ Specimen collected in heparinised tube
Genital	Swab from all sites	PCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No swab present in UTM-RT MINI collection device ➤ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab (calcium alginate, Starplex)
	Labia/Vulva swab	C&S	➤ Routine culture and sensitivity will be cancelled unless prior approved by the Microbiologist on-call

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	Swab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Urethral ➤ Endocervix ➤ Vaginal 	Ureaplasma and Mycoplasma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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
Nose/Groin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nose and groin swabs ➤ Wound swab for MRSA follow-up (previous MRSA positive site) ➤ Perianal swab (previous MRSA positive urine specimen) 	MRSA Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Duplicate specimen collected within 7 days
Rectal	Rectal swab	VRE Surveillance ESBL Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Duplicate specimen collected within 14 days ➤ Rectal/perianal swabs received without visible feces
Tissue	Autopsy Biopsy Surgical	C&S PCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specimen collected in formalin
Lower Respiratory	Bronchial brushing	C&S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specimen greater than 48 hours old
	Bronchial washing	<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specimen not collected in sterile container ➤ Specimen greater than 24 hours old
	Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)	C&S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached ➤ Specimen greater than 48 hours old

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Lower Respiratory (continued)	Sputum	C&S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Duplicate specimen collected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached
		C&S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suction trap container received WITH tubing attached ➤ Duplicate specimens within 24 hours ➤ Saliva, oropharyngeal secretions and sinus drainage from nasopharynx are not acceptable specimens
		<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specimen greater than 48 hours old ➤ If the specimen quality is poor, the culture will be cancelled and a repeat sample requested by the laboratory ➤ Duplicate specimens within 24 hours

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Upper Respiratory	Throat swab	PCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No swab present in UTM-RT MINI collection device ➤ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab (calcium alginate, Starplex)
		C&S Extended Culture Work-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Duplicate specimen collected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ within 7 days for Inpatient ○ within 30 days for Outpatients ○ collected the same day ➤ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab
	Nasopharyngeal swab	PCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No swab present in UTM-RT MINI collection device ➤ Specimen collected with a non-approved swab (calcium alginate, Starplex)
Urine	Catheter Surgical Voided	C&S Yeast Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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)
	Small volume (< 3 mL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Catheter ➤ Surgical (excluding kidney aspirates) ➤ Voided 	C&S Yeast Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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)
	Random	Zika Virus PCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Samples that do NOT have all of the required information detailed on Patient Sample Information Waiver FAX Form - Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory