

Ordering Recommendations

- Refer to [Ordering Recommendations for Clinical Microbiology Testing](#) webpage to ensure specimen and requisition requirements are met prior to collection

Specimen Requirements

Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midstream urine
Container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferred Collection Container: Sterile Wide Mouth Screw Cap Container
Collection Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midstream urine collected between 12:00 and 15:00 is preferred Clinical Microbiology Specimen Collection Guidelines
Required Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimal Volume: 10 mL Minimum Volume: 5 mL <small>(Submitting the minimum volume makes it impossible to repeat the test or perform confirmatory/reflex testing. In some situations, a minimum volume may require a second collection.)</small>
Stability/Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport to laboratory immediately after collection at room temperature Specimen stable at room temperature up to 24 hours Greater than 24 hours, store at 2 to 8°C
Grounds for Rejection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rejection Criteria of Clinical Microbiology Specimens Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Acceptance and Rejection Criteria

Testing Information

Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Division of Clinical Microbiology Laboratory Hours of Operation
Testing Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacteriology Laboratory, RUH
Results Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipated Reporting Times for Clinical Microbiology Results Critical and Semi-Urgent Values Notification Chart for Clinical Microbiology
Clinical Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology and Clinical Interpretation for Microbiology Testing
Specimen Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimen Retention Times for Clinical Microbiology

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Forms Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacteriology/Myology/TB/ Parasitology Requisition Form #101063 Community Laboratory Requisition Form #101064 Ova and Parasite History Sheet
Clearance Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing must be cleared by the Microbiologist on call through the RUH switch board at (306)655-1000.