













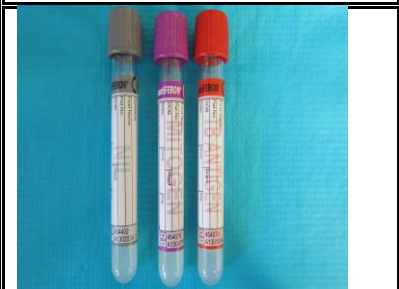


Palomar Health Specimen Collection Guide

Transport Container	Test(s)	Transport Container	Test(s)
	E Swab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerobic wound Anaerobic wound Cervical Culture Throat Culture (not rapid Group A screen) Yeast Screen Strep A or B Culture Screen MRSA or VRE Culture Screen KOH Wet Mount <p>NOTE: DO NOT collect body fluid and tissue with a swab, send in sterile container</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>		Sterile Container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urine Culture Stool Culture Stool for WBC C.diff toxin Rapid Rotavirus Ova and Parasites Shiga Toxin Tissue Culture* Body Fluid* Sputum Nasopharyngeal wash for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rapid RSV b. Rapid Influenza A/B Catheter tip* <p>*Room Temperature, all others refrigerate</p>
	BBL Red Top Double Swab or White Top Single Swab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid Group A Strep <p>NOTE: DO NOT use for tissue, body fluid or anaerobic wound</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>		UTM w/ Flocked Swab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viral culture (DFA or PCR) Mycoplasma culture Ureaplasma culture Chlamydia culture Rapid Influenza A/B Rapid RSV <p>Refrigerate</p>

	BBL Green Top-Mini Tip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pertussis Culture/DFA/PCR [<i>nasopharyngeal</i>(NP) swab] Eye Culture Urethral Culture <p>NOTE: Collect 1 NP swab for each test method</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>		Copan Red Capped Swab with RED Lettering on Plastic Tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group B Strep Screen by PCR MRSA Nasal Screen by PCR <p>Room Temperature</p>
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	Hemosure Fecal Occult Blood		BD AFFIRM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal swab DNA Probe <p>Candida species Trichomonas vaginalis, Gardnerella vaginalis</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>
	GC/Chlamydia APTIMA® Collection Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) Endocervical or Male urethral swab Urine – collect in sterile urine container <p>Refrige rate</p>		Sure Swab® APTIMA® Vaginal Collection Kit (Orange Label) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) Vaginal swab ONLY! <p>Chlamydia trachomatis Neisseria gonorrhoeae Candida albicans Candida glabrata Candida tropicalis Candida parapsilosis Trichomonas vaginalis Bacterial vaginosis Herpes Simplex Virus 1&2</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>

	UA Screen and Culture & Sensitivity Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urinalysis w/ culture • Urinalysis w/ Culture if indicated <p>Note: Submit both urine cup and urine tube with boric acid (UBOR) to the lab)</p> <p>Refrigerate Urine Cup only</p>		Urine C&S Preservative Tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urine for Culture and Sensitivity, not acceptable for urinalysis <p>Note: Fill the tube with urine up to fill line (minimum of 4 ml)</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>
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	Platelet Function Assay (PFA-EPI) AKA Platelet Function Epinephrine NOTE: 4.5 ml GLASS tube only. DO NOT use plastic tubes. DO NOT SPIN Room Temperature		Platelet Function <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PF P2Y12 (Plavix Inhibition) • PF Aspirin <p>NOTE: 2.0 ml Special partial fill Blue Top tube</p> <p>DO NOT send platelet function test tubes via pneumatic tube system</p> <p>DO NOT Spin</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>
	QuantiFERON-TB Gold Tubes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shake tubes 10 times <p>Room Temperature</p>		

Blood Culture

Room Temperature

BACTEC Plus Aerobic/F Culture Vial



BACTEC Lytic / 10 Anaerobic / F Culture Vial



BACTEC PEDS Plus / F Culture Vial



Amount per Venipuncture	Amount in BACTEC Plus Aerobic Vial	Amount in BACTEC Plus Anaerobic Vial	Amount in BACTEC Ped Plus Vial
16 – 20 mL	Split equally between aerobic and anaerobic vials		
13 – 16 mL	8 mL	5 – 8 mL	
10 – 12 mL	5 – 7 mL	5 mL	
3 – 9 mL	entire blood amount	0	
< 3 mL			entire blood amount