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UMMC Microbiology Collection Containers
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Urinalysis and/or Urine Culture Containers:

Yellow top: Urinalysis only

Gray top: Urine culture, *Legionella* and *S. pneumoniae* antigen testing

Sterile container: Urine culture, *Legionella* antigen, and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* antigen testing. Deliver to Micro Lab as soon as possible



Anaerobic jar:

For anaerobic culture of tissues and body fluids. Swabs are **unacceptable** for anaerobic cultures and will be rejected.

Place specimen on top of gel and close lid tightly. For large pieces of tissue (bigger than a marble) or larger volumes of fluid (>2mL), send in a sterile container.



Sterile Container:

Respiratory specimens, Tissue, and Body fluids for culture; Stool for GI PCR panel, *C. difficile* DNA PCR, and *C. difficile* toxin antigen testing.

Tissues should be moistened with saline. For anaerobic cultures on small pieces of tissue or small volumes (<2 mL) of fluid, send in an anaerobic jar.



Viral Transport Media:

Orthopoxvirus/Monkeypox testing
Rapid SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV PCR
Respiratory Virus Panel (NP)
COVID-19 PCR Testing

Only 1 swab per tube



Eswab:

For Aerobic, Throat, Fungal-Other, Group B *Streptococcus*, Genital, and Surveillance (MRSA, VRE, MDR, etc.) cultures.

Use when unable to collect tissue or fluid into a sterile container.



BBL Culture Swab:

For Streptococcal Group A Rapid Testing



Blood Culture Bottles:

Fill adult **Anaerobic** (red cap) and **Aerobic** (blue cap) bottles with 8-10 mL of blood each.

For patients <22 kg, use a **Pediatric Aerobic** (yellow cap) bottle with ≤4 mL of blood only. Do not use adult aerobic or anaerobic bottles unless an anaerobic bottle is indicated.



Isolator Tube:

For Fungal Blood Cultures.
Glass container – obtain 10ml Adult or 1.5ml Pediatric Isolator Tube from Micro Lab. Pediatric tube can be used for bone marrow.

Tube must be filled **completely** with blood or bone marrow. Hand carry back to Micro Lab for processing as soon as possible.



AFB Blood Bottle:

For AFB Blood Culture.
Glass bottle - obtain from Micro Lab.

Fill with 3-5 mL of blood (or minimum 0.5 mL bone marrow). Hand carry back to Micro Lab for processing.



CSF Container:

CSF specimens for culture and stains or *Cryptococcus* antigen testing.



Red top, non-preservative serum tube:

Blood specimens for *Cryptococcus* serum antigen test
Wet mount Trichomonas specimens: swab with 1ml saline added for discharge/scrapings



Cary Blair Transport Media:

For GI PCR panel or stool culture

Liquid stool only. Formed stool in transport media will be rejected.

