



Test Name (Test Code)	Specimen(s)	Volume (min.)	Anticoag. / medium Preferred (accepted)	Storage	Stability	Shipping	Special Instructions
INFECTIOUS DISEASE							
Chlamydia trachomatis Neisseria gonorrhoeae	Cervical cells	3mL	ThinPrep® PAP solution or SurePath™ Test Pack	2-30°C	14 days	Ambient	
	Cervical cells in liquid cytology media (ThinPrep or SurePath)	1mL	Transferred to APTIMA specimen transfer (GREEN) tube	2-30°C	14 days	Ambient	
	Cervical or urethral swab	One swab	APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection (WHITE) Kit	2-30°C	60 days	Ambient	
	Urine	20-30mL	Preservative-free urine collection cup	4°C -20°C	24hrs	Ice pack	Void first 10mL
	Urine	2mL	APTIMA urine specimen transport (YELLOW) tube		30 days		
Hepatitis C qualitative by PCR Hepatitis C quantitative by PCR Hepatitis C Genotyping	Serum	1.5mL (500uL)	Separated from clot	4°C	72hrs	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
				-20°C	~	Dry ice	Freeze within 24 hrs
	Plasma	1.5mL (500uL)	EDTA separate from blood within 6 hrs	4°C	72hrs	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
				-20°C	~	Dry ice	Freeze within 24 hrs
Herpes Simplex Type I and 2 qualitative by real-time PCR	HSV lesion		MPLN path. collection kit	RT	~	Ambient	
	Whole blood	2mL	EDTA	4°C	96hrs	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
	Fresh Tissue	5mm ³	MPLN transport medium or equivalent (i.e. RPMI, Hanks, M4 media) (2.0-4.0mL)	4°C	96hrs	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
	Frozen tissue	5mm ³		-20°C	~	Dry ice	Freeze immediately
	Swab from any site		MPLN pathogen collection kit or viral transport media	4°C	96hrs	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
	CSF	2mL (1mL)	Sterile container. Do not dilute	4°C	72hrs	Ice pack	Refrigerated CSF MUST be shipped within 24 hours of collection
				-20°C	~	Dry ice	Freeze within 4 hrs
	Cervical cells	2mL (1mL)	ThinPrep PAP solution or TriPath Imaging SurePath Test Pack solution	RT	21 days	Ambient	
Amniotic fluid	1 mL	Sterile container. unspun	RT	48hrs	Ambient		



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Human Immunodeficiency virus quantitative by PCR	Plasma	3mL (1mL)	EDTA separate from blood within 6 hrs	4°C	72hrs	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
				-20°-80°C	~	Dry ice	Freeze within 24 hrs
Human Papillomavirus High risk by Hybrid Capture 2	Cervical cells	4mL	ThinPrep	RT	21 days	Ambient	
	Cervical cells	2mL	SurePath	RT	21 days	Ambient	
	Cervical/vaginal swab	swab	Digene collection tube	RT	2 weeks	Ambient	
				4°C	3 weeks	Ice pack	Separate ice pack from specimen
				-20°C	3 months	Dry ice	Freeze within 24 hrs
Biopsy	5mm ³ (2mm ³)	Digene collection tube	-20°C	3 months	Dry ice	Freeze immediately	
HPV genotyping	Liquid cytology	2mL	ThinPrep PAP solution or SurePath™ Test Pack solution	RT	21 days	Ambient	
CTNG and HPV HR	Cervical cells	10mL	ThinPrep PAP solution or	RT	14 days	Ambient	
	Cervical cells	8mL	SurePath™ Test Pack solution				
HPV HR and ProEx C	Cervical cells	7mL	ThinPrep PAP solution or				
	Cervical cells	5mL	SurePath™ Test Pack solution				