



Method	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Minimum Volume	Preferred Volume	Transport Requirements	Stability	Rejection Criteria	Collection Instructions
Wound Care	Swab	Eswab Tube	300 uL	1 mL	Room temperature	5 days (-20 to 55C)	No swab present; Insufficient volume; Improper collection; Outside stability	Swab from margin to margin, gently rotating, in 10-point zigzag; insert in transport medium tube
Respiratory	Nasopharyngeal swab	MTM Tube	500 uL	1 mL	Room temperature	5 days (-20 to 55C)	No swab present; Insufficient volume; Improper collection; Outside stability	Clinician-performed nasopharyngeal swab for several seconds, place in transport medium
Urinary Tract Infection	Urine	Vacutainer Preservative Tube	1 mL	Fill to minimum line on tube	Room temperature	5 days (-20 to 55C)	UA tube not filled to minimum line; Improper collection; Outside stability	Clean catch urine sample, transfer to UA preservative tube for transport
Urinalysis	Urine	Vacutainer Preservative Tube	1 mL	5 mL	Room temperature	<u>Nitrites Test</u> : 36 hours (-20 to 55C) <u>All Others</u> : 72 hours (-20 to 55C)	UA tube not filled to minimum line; Improper collection; Outside stability	Clean catch urine sample, transfer to UA preservative tube for transport
Sexually Transmitted Infections	Urine	Vacutainer Preservative Tube, Sample Cup or Non-Preservative Tube	1 mL	5 mL	Room temperature	5 days (-20 to 55C)	Insufficient volume; Improper collection; Outside stability	<u>STI only</u> : Collect first 15-25 mL of urine in sterile cup, transfer to tube for transport <u>UTI and STI</u> : Clean catch urine sample, transfer to UA preservative tube
Toxicology	Urine	Sample Cup	2 mL	15 mL	Room temperature	7 days (room temp)	Insufficient volume; Improper collection; Outside stability	Collect first 15-25 mL of urine in sterile cup, transfer to tube for transport