

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Selected specimen submission clarifications are listed below for your reference. This list is not inclusive of all requirements. All specimens submitted are subject to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory's Specimen Submission Policy, available at: <http://bitly.com/SpecimenCriteria>.

- Submit each specimen with a completed request form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.
- Please fill out the request form COMPLETELY or delays in processing and testing of the specimen may occur.
- Additional information beyond that on the test request form may be required, depending on the examination requested, to assure accurate and timely testing and reporting of results.
- Both the test request form and the specimen container label must have at least two matching unique identifiers. If specimen identity differs from that on the test request form, testing may not be performed!
- Specimens may be rejected for any of the following reasons:
 1. Insufficient quantity or quality;
 2. Unlabeled specimen container;
 3. Leaking specimen;
 4. Specimen with incomplete requisition;
 5. Missing or invalid ordering clinician; or
 6. Incorrect or mismatching patient identifiers.

Every attempt will be made to salvage leaking or improperly submitted samples of cerebrospinal fluid, biopsy tissues, aspirates, and other specimens obtained surgically, providing that the safety of the laboratory worker is not compromised.

REFERRAL TESTING/SEND-OUTS

Common CDC Referrals

- Clostridium botulinum (Botulism)
- Corynebacterium diphtheriae toxin
- Cryptococcus species
- Listeria monocytogenes
- Molecular Detection of Drug Resistance (MDDR) - MTB
- Parasitology Diagnostic Assistance (DPDx, blood smear stained slides)
- Pathologic or Molecular Evaluation of Fixed Tissues for Possible Infectious Etiologies (IDPB)

Common Studies

- EIP: Candida species
- EIP: Clostridium difficile
- EIP: Coccidioides immitis/posadasii
- EIP: Group A Streptococcus
- EIP: Group B Streptococcus
- EIP: Streptococcus pneumoniae
- EIP: Invasive E. coli (iEC)
- Non-tuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM)
- TB GIMS: TB Genotyping Information Management System

ARLN Order Choices

- Acinetobacter
- Candida spp.
- Pan-Resistant/MDRO