

1 Before You Begin

- Collect specimen as early as possible following the onset of symptoms.
- Label the specimen container with the **patient's full name, date of collection, and a unique identifier** (e.g., date of birth or Health Card Number).
 - Note: Failure to provide this information may result in rejection or testing delay.
- **Complete all fields** on the appropriate Test Requisition.

Storage of Unused Kits

- The kits can be stored at room temperature.
- Improper storage will result in a loss of efficacy.
- Kits should only be stored up until their expiry date.

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Collection Instructions

1. Aseptically remove cap from vial and insert sample into the transport media. Replace and tighten cap.
2. Place container in the biohazard bag and seal bag.
3. Insert the completed requisition in the pocket on the outside of the sealed biohazard bag.
4. Wash hands and confirm lab processing instructions.
5. To maintain optimum viability, the specimen should be stored and transported at 2 to 8°C or on ice. Transport to the laboratory for processing within 48 hours of collection.



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