

SPECIMEN COLLECTION & SHIPPING

Ship for arrival at ViraCor within 96 hours of collection.

Note: Multiple tests can be run on 1 specimen

If 96-hour time constraint cannot be met, please call ViraCor at 1-800-305-5198 for special instructions.

SPECIMEN SOURCE		COLLECTION PROCEDURE	TRANSPORT PROCEDURE
Blood	Plasma	2-3 ml separated from whole blood collected in EDTA (lavender top) tube.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
	Whole Blood	3-5 ml collected in EDTA (lavender top) tube. Do not freeze.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
	ImmuKnow® Specimens – Whole Blood	2-3 ml collected in a sodium heparin (green top) tube. Maintain ambient temperature by shipping the specimen in 2 inch thick styrofoam with specimen surrounded by ambient temperature gel packs.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday. Specimen must arrive at ViraCor within 30 hours of collection.
	Hepatitis Specimens – Whole Blood	7-10 ml in EDTA, ACD Solution A, or PPT sterile tube. Minimum specimen requirement is 2 ml plasma. Separate plasma from cells within 4 hours of collection and freeze. To remove plasma from cells, centrifuge at 1000 xg for 10-15 minutes. Do not clarify by filtration or further centrifugation. If specimen was collected in PPT tube, the entire tube can be frozen if desired following centrifugation.	Ship ambient or frozen Monday-Friday.
Body fluid other than blood or urine		Collect 2-3 ml in a sterile screw-cap tube.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Bone Marrow		1-2 ml, collected in an EDTA (lavender top) tube. Do not freeze.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Bronchial Lavage/ Bronchial Wash		2-3 ml, collected in sterile screw-cap tube.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
CSF		1- 1.5 ml in sterile screw cap tube. Freeze prior to shipment.	Ship on DRY ICE Monday-Friday
Eye swab		Swab the inflamed conjunctiva or corneal lesions. Place swab in 1-2 ml sterile saline or viral transport media in sterile screw-cap tube.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Fecal		Sterile swab (plastic shaft only) or very small (pea size) fecal sample placed in 1-2 ml sterile saline or viral transport in sterile screw-cap tube.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Nasopharyngeal Aspirate/ Tracheal Aspirate		2-3 ml collected in sterile saline in sterile screw-cap tube.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Nasopharyngeal Swab		Sterile swab (flexible shaft) placed in 1-2 ml sterile saline or viral transport media in sterile screw-cap tube. Do not use calcium alginate swab.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Swab		Sterile swab (plastic shaft only) placed in 1-2 ml sterile saline or viral transport media in sterile screw-cap tube. Do not use calcium alginate swab.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Tissue		Place in a sterile screw-top container, add a small amount of saline to keep moist.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday. Frozen tissue is acceptable.
Urine		5 ml sample collected in a sterile urinalysis container. Transfer to a 15 ml sterile screw-cap tube for shipment.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Vesicular Lesion		Collect the fluid and cellular material from the base of several fresh vesicles. Place swab in 1-2 ml sterile saline or viral transport media in sterile screw-cap tube. Do not use calcium alginate swab.	Ship at ambient temperature Monday-Friday
Other specimens		Please inquire.	

SHIPPING INFORMATION

- All specimens must be labeled with patient's name and collection date.
- A ViraCor Test Request Form must accompany each specimen.
- Ship specimens FedEx Priority Overnight to: ViraCor Laboratories, 1001 NW Technology Dr., Lee's Summit MO 64086

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