INFECTIOUS DISEASE TESTS

Blood / Respiratory / Enteric



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	TEST	COLLECT WITH	WHAT TO COLLECT
	Blood Culture (BACTEC) Paediatric & myco/F also available	Aerobic (blue) & Anaerobic (purple)	8-10ml/blood per bottle DO NOT use expired bottles Store and transport at room temperature
BLOOD	Viral Antibody Screens, Serology	Gold - GEL	
BL	Blood borne viral PCR/NAT* HIV, HBV, HCV Viral Loads	Pearl - EDTA+Gel	Dedicated tube for each virus
	PCR/NAT* Other viruses and bacteria	Lavender - EDTA	Dedicated tube
ESPIRATORY	Sputum Micro, Culture & Sensitivity (MC&S) Fungal culture, TB Viral PCR/NAT*	Yellow top	
RESPIR/	Respiratory viral, Mycoplasma pneumoniae and Pertussis	Viral Transport Media swab OR Mauve VTF swab	Note: For respiratory viruses, preferred samples are deep nasal swab or nasopharyngeal aspirate (NPA) or sputum NOT suitable for bacterial culture
ENTERIC	Micro, Culture & Sensitivity (MC&S) PCR/NAT* Viruses, Clostridium difficile toxin Ova, Cysts and Parasites, Bacteria	Brown top	Stool collection Store specimen at 4°C prior to transport

^{*}Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT).

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