SAMPLE SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Recommended Sample
For the full complement of viral screening assays and NAT testing we recommend:

3 – 6ml EDTA tubes (13x100 plastic) and
1 – 6ml Serum tubes (13x100 plastic)

These recommendations ensure enough volume for repeat and confirmatory testing. Serum separator tubes are unacceptable. There is no need to centrifuge the samples.

For urine collections for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing: 2.0 ml of urine in the transport tube that MUST be between the black fill lines on the transport tube.

Sample Labeling Requirements

• The patient name/identifier on the tubes must match the name/identifier listed on the request slip (this includes spelling, nicknames, etc.).
• All tubes sent on the same patient must be labeled identically with the same name/identifier.
• A draw date must be noted on the request slip. Some of the tests are time sensitive.
• If the sample is poured off into a transport tube, indicate if it is a serum or plasma sample. Some of the tests have different acceptability requirements for serum/plasma.

If the sample requirements are not met, we may be unable to complete testing.

Sample Shipping Requirements

• The boxes you have been supplied with are compliant with IATA packing instruction 650 for shipping diagnostic specimens.
• The shipping boxes are comprised of 1 outer cardboard box, 1 inner cooler, 2 specimen transport jars and 4 gel packs.
• Include 4 gel packs at room temperature with each shipment.
• A maximum of 9 blood tubes or conical tubes can be shipped in one transport jar. Please put all tubes in the jars.
• When shipping the boxes, make sure you include both specimen jars even if there are no samples in the second jar.
• Once the box is packed apply a FedEx Label for shipment.
• The shipping boxes will be recycled at our facility.
• When you are down to a 2 weeks supply of boxes, fax a Supply Reorder Form to our facility at 651-332-1010 so that your inventory can be replenished.