Reporting Title: Viral Culture, Non Respiratory
Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

Blood*, bone marrow*, lymph node tissue, dermal, genital, oral, synovial fluid or urine** specimen is not acceptable for viral culture. For dermal or oral specimens for hand-foot-and-mouth disease or enterovirus, clearly indicate "enterovirus" on request. For dermal specimens on neonates (<1 month), clearly indicate "neonate for culture" on request.
1. For requests for cytomegalovirus on bone marrow or urine specimen, see:
a. LCMV/81240 Cytomegalovirus (CMV), Molecular Detection, PCR
2. For requests for herpes simplex virus/varicella-zoster virus on genital or dermal specimen, see:
a. LHSV/80575 Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Molecular Detection, PCR
b. LVZV/81241 Varicella-Zoster Virus, Molecular Detection, PCR
c. VDER/82048 Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) and Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV), Molecular Detection, PCR, Dermal

*Blood, lymph node tissue, and bone marrow specimens are unproductive and frequently toxic in culture. Most molecular methods are appropriate for these specimen types. See individual real-time PCR assay test descriptions.
**Urine is acceptable only for mumps culture (see below); specimen must clearly indicate "MUMPS" to ensure proper handling and test setup.

Forms: If not ordering electronically, submit a Microbiology Request Form (Supply T244) with the specimen.

Specimen source is required.

Specimen Type: Body fluid
Container/Tube: Sterile container
Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Specimen Type: Ocular or rectal
Container/Tube: Dacron-tipped swab with plastic handle (Supply T507)
Specimen Volume: Swab
Collection Instructions: Place swab in M5 viral transport media.
Additional Information: Swab with a wood handle has been shown to be toxic to some viruses and is not acceptable for culture.

Specimen Type: Spinal fluid
Container/Tube: Sterile vial
Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Specimen Type: Stool
Container/Tube: Sterile container
Specimen Volume: 5-10 g

Specimen Type: Tissue
Sources: Brain, colon, kidney, liver, etc.
Container/Tube: Sterile container with 1 to 2 mL of sterile saline or multi-microbe medium (M5) (Supply T484)
Specimen Volume: Entire collection

Specimen Type: Urine (for mumps only)
Container/Tube: Sterile container

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Varies	Refrigerated	7 days

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
VIRNR	Q00M0064	Specimen Source	Plain Text	No

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
VIRNR	Viral Culture, Non Respiratory	Alphanumeric		In Process

CPT Code: 1 × 87252

Reference Values:

Negative
If positive, virus is identified.