

Notification Date: May 17, 2023 Effective Date: June 20, 2023

Ova and Parasite, Microscopy, Varies

Test ID: OAPNS

Explanation: Effective June 20th 2023, Ova and Parasite, Microscopy, Varies will accept colonic washing and duodenal aspirate sources.

Current Specimen Required

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Bile

Container/Tube: Sterile container Specimen Volume: Entire collection

Specimen Type: Bone marrow

Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) and/or

slides

Specimen Volume: 4 mL Collection Instructions:

- 1. Bone marrow and/or slides will be accepted for this test.
- 2. If submitting slides with EDTA tube, label and bag specimens together. Send refrigerate as one collection.

Specimen Type: Spinal fluid Container/Tube: Sterile container

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Specimen Type: Fluid, abscess, drainage material **Sources:** Abdominal, ascites, brain, cyst, (also specify location of cyst) liver, lymphatic, peritoneal,

Container/Tube: Sterile container Specimen Volume: 15 mL Collection Instructions:

- 1. Place half of collection into preservative (Ecofix or PVA and Formalin) in a ratio of 1:1.
- 2. Place other half of collection in a sterile container.
- 3. Label both specimens, bag together, and send refrigerate as one collection.

Specimen Type: Respiratory

Source: Bronchial washing, bronchoalveolar

lavage, sputum

Container/Tube: Sterile container Specimen Volume: Entire collection

Specimen Type: Tissue

New Specimen Required

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Bile

Container/Tube: Sterile container
Specimen Volume: Entire collection

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerate 5

days

Specimen Type: Bone marrow

Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) and/or

slides

Specimen Volume: 4 mL Collection Instructions:

- 1. Bone marrow and/or slides will be accepted for this test.
- 2. If submitting slides with EDTA tube, label and bag specimens together. Send refrigerate as one collection.

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerate 5

days

Specimen Type: Colonic washing

Container/Tube: ECOFIX preservative vial or one

zinc (Zn)-PVA AND one 10% formalin vial

Specimen Volume: at least 2 mL

Collection Instructions:

- 1. Place specimen into preservative within 30 minutes of collection.
- 2. Follow instructions on the container as follows: a. Colonic washings should be placed into Ecofix preservative vial (or 10% formalin and Zn-PVA vials) in a ratio of 1 part preservative:1 part specimen. Some preservative may need to be
- removed from the vial to maintain this ratio.
 b. Place washings into vial, twist the cap tightly closed, and shake vigorously until the contents are well mixed.
- c. Do not fill above the fill line indicated on the preservative container.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient

(preferred)/Refrigerate 5 days

Sources: Bladder, brain, colon, intestine, liver, lymph node, lung, muscle, rectal, spleen **Container/Tube:** Sterile container

Specimen Volume: 5-10 mm

Collection Instructions: Place specimen in 1 to 2

drops of sterile saline to keep tissue moist.

Specimen Type: Duodenal aspirate

Container/Tube: ECOFIX preservative or one zinc

(Zn)-PVA AND one 10% formalin vial **Specimen Volume**: at least 2 mL **Collection Instructions**:

1. Place specimen into preservative within 30

minutes of collection.

2. Follow instructions on the container as follows:

a. Duodenal aspirate should be placed into Ecofix preservative vial (or 10% formalin and Zn-PVA vials) in a ratio of 1 part preservative:1 part specimen. Some preservative may need to be removed from the vial to maintain this ratio.

b. Place washings into vial, twist the cap tightly closed, and shake vigorously until the contents are well mixed.

c. Do not fill above the fill line indicated on the preservative container.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerate 5 days

Specimen Type: Spinal fluid Container/Tube: Sterile container Specimen Volume: At least 1 mL

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerate 5

days

Specimen Type: Fluid, abscess, drainage material **Sources:** Abdominal, ascites, brain, cyst (must specify anatomical location of cyst), liver, lymphatic, peritoneal, splenic

Container/Tube: Sterile container AND either Ecofix preservative vial or one zinc (Zn)-PVA AND one 10% formalin vial

Specimen Volume: 15 mL Collection Instructions:

- 1. Place half of collection into preservative (either Ecofix or zinc (Zn) PVA and 10 % Formalin combo) in a ratio of 1 part preservative: 1 part specimen. Some preservative may need to be removed from the vial to maintain this ratio.
- 2. Label the preservative type on the side of each vial.
- 3. Place other half of collection in a sterile container.
- 3. Label both specimens, bag together, and send refrigerate as one collection.

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerate 5 days

Specimen Type: Respiratory

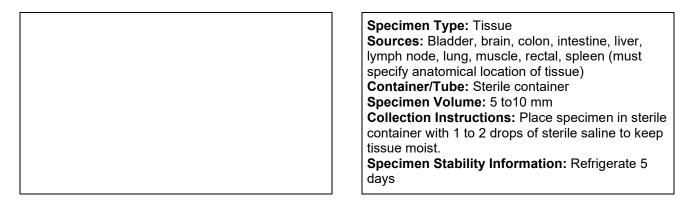
Source: Bronchial washing, bronchoalveolar

lavage, sputum

Container/Tube: Sterile container Specimen Volume: Entire collection

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerate 5

days



Questions

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