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CARBAPENEMASE (CARBA-R) TESTING: RECTAL OR PERIRECTAL SWABS COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Use the following procedure for collection and submission of clinical specimens for CARBA-R testing.

- I. Supplies needed (can be provided by SJCPHL):
 - 1. Copan dual swabs/Copan Liquid Stuart Transystem
 - 2. Biohazard labelled Zip lock bags with outer sleeve
 - 3. Requisition form (fill out all the fields). For Web Portal users: Print out a copy of the online submission.





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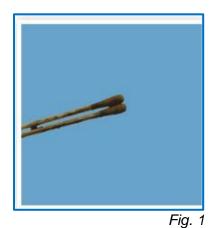
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II. Clinical Specimens: Rectal or Perirectal swabs

Note: Rectal swabs and Perirectal swabs should not be over-soiled. (Fig. 1)



III. Collection of specimens:

- 1. Use only the Copan dual swabs/Copan Liquid Stuart Transystem.
 (Directions for use are printed on each Transystem unit along with descriptive diagrams.)
- 2. Peel open the Transystem sterile pouch at the point marked "Peel Here". (Fig. 2)
- 3. Remove cap from transport tube. (Fig. 2)

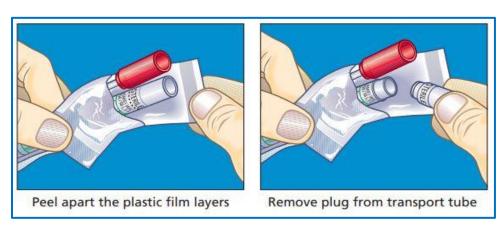


Fig. 2





4. Remove the applicator swab and collect specimen. (Fig. 3)

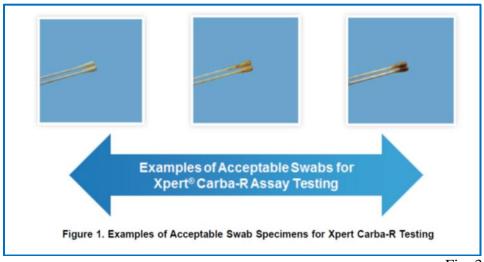


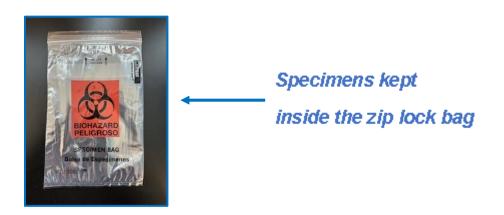
Fig. 3

- 5. Place applicator swab in transport tube and replace the cap to completely seal (Fig. 4)
- 6. Record patient's name and information on tube label. (Fig. 4)



Fig. 4

7. Place specimens inside the zip lock specimen bag.

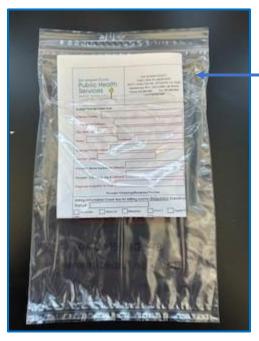






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- 8. Complete all the required information on the laboratory requisition form. (Note: Web Portal users will use and print out a copy of the completed online submission for the laboratory form).
- 9. Place laboratory form **in the outer sleeve** of zip-lock bag to separate it from the specimen, in case of leakage. (Fig. 5)



Form kept in the Outer sleeve

Fig. 5

- 10. Store the specimen at 15-28°C (59-82.4°F) for up to 5 days.
- 11. Coordinate with the SJCPHL for either specimen pickup or specimen drop off. Specimens must be transported at 15-28°C. If shipping, ship as Category B.





IV. Unacceptable specimens that may cause specimen rejection:

- Using media not provided with collection kit.
- Broken transport device.
- Unacceptable amount of sample on swabs.
- Specimens received at SJPHL collected >5 days prior.
- Requisition form incomplete.
- Specimens received without a test requisition form.
- Unlabeled or mislabeled specimen.
- Specimen too old or in poor condition.
- Specimen submitted on grossly outdated media or transport kits.
- No specimen received with test requisition form.
- Specimen leaked during transport.