



WGH Laboratory Test Reference

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<p><b>For All Blood Collections: For accurate test results, collections must be free from hemolysis.</b></p> <p><b>Samples should be gently inverted 8-10 times immediately after collection to ensure anticoagulant is mixed completely with the sample. For SST tubes, rest sample for 10 minutes to allow clotting to occur prior to centrifugation.</b></p> <p><b>Centrifuge within 30 minutes of collection. Exception: Do not spin whole blood in EDTA (Lavendar) tubes.</b></p> <p><b>If samples will be delayed in transit, plasma/ serum samples should be aliquoted and frozen.</b></p> <p><b>**Chemistry samples are retained for 4 days upon receipt in the Lab.**</b></p>										
Chemistry	Acetaminophen	ACTM	LAB	ACTM	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	
	Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)	ALT	LAB	ALT	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Albumin	ALB	LAB	ALB	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	3 days at 2-8 °C	
	Albumin-Creatinine Ratio (ACR)	ACR	LAB	ALBCR	Y	Urine container	0.5 mL Random Urine	same day	2 days at 18-24 °C; 14 days at 2-8 °C	
	Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP)	ALPI	LAB	ALK	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Ammonia	AMM	LAB	AMM	N	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin) on ice	STAT	30 minutes on ice. Special instructions apply.	In-house availability only. Call lab for instructions on peds collections. *Deliver to Lab on ice*
	Arterial Blood Gas	ABG	LAB	ABG	N	PICO syringe	0.7 mL PICO heparinized syringe	STAT	30 minutes on ice.	In-house availability only. Call lab for instructions on peds collections.
	Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST)	AST	LAB	AST	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Bicarbonate (HCO3)/ Carbon Dioxide	CO2	LAB	CO2	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin) *Tape tube cap shut*	same day	Unopened separated samples: 2 days at 2-8 °C	*Do not open tube cap*
	Bilirubin – Total	BILT	LAB	BILT	Y	PST	0.2 mL Plasma (lithium heparin) *Protect from light*	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C *Protect from light*	Wrap sample in tinfoil to prevent photodegradation.
	Bilirubin – Direct	BILD	LAB	call Lab	Y	PST	0.2 mL Plasma (lithium heparin) *Protect from light*	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C *Protect from light*	Test added by Lab when TBIL elevated. Pediatrics by special request. Sample subject to photodegradation.
	Blood Urea Nitrogen (Urea)	BUN	LAB	BUN	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin).	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Calcium	CA	LAB	CA	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin).	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Ionized Calcium (serum)	CAI	LAB	CAI	Y	GOLD SST	½ full SST tube (Serum). *Do not open. Tape tube cap shut. Do not freeze*	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C in unopened tube	Must be at least ½ full draw. **DO NOT OPEN** Tape tube cap shut. Centrifuge and send on ice pack. **DO NOT FREEZE**
	Capillary Blood Gas	CAPGAS	LAB	CAPGAS	N	Capillary Tube	0.1 mL Whole blood (Lithium Heparin)	STAT	30 minutes on ice	Collected by Lab staff only. In-house availability only.
	Cardiac Troponin I	TROP	LAB	TROP	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	STAT	2 days at 2-8 °C	Freeze samples if in transit >48 hours.
	Chloride	CL	LAB	CL	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Cholesterol	CHOL	LAB	CHOL	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	
	HDL Cholesterol	HDL	LAB	HDL	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	
	LDL Cholesterol	not orderable	LAB	not orderable	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day		LDL Cholesterol is a calculation. To perform, both Triglycerides & HDL tests must be ordered.
Cord Blood pH (arterial & venous) panel	CPH	LAB	CPH	N	Pico syringe	0.7 mL PICO heparinized syringe	same day	12 hours on ice	*Deliver to the Lab on ice*. In-house availability only.	
C-Reactive Protein	CRP	LAB	CRP	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	3 days at 2-8 °C		
Creatinine and eGFR (estimated glomerular filtration rate)	CRE	LAB	CRE	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day		The eGFR calculation is not reported on patients <18 years.	


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Chemistry	Creatine Kinase (CK)	CKI	LAB	CK	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Ethyl alcohol (ETOH)	ALC	LAB	ETOH	N	PST	Plasma (Lithium Heparin) tube. *Tape tube cap shut*	same day	2 weeks at 2-8 °C in a never-opened container	Use non-alcohol skin cleanser. Due to the volatile nature of alcohol, specimen tubes should be completely filled and capped to avoid evaporative loss to the atmosphere. Test only orderable for medical -not legal- reasons.
	Ferritin	FERR	LAB	FER	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Gamma (Y)-Glutamyl Transferase (GGT)	GGT	LAB	GGT	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	
	Glucose- Random	GLU	LAB	GLU	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day		*Time of collection must be written on blood tubes and the requisition* Patient must fast prior to collection. Refer to the WGH Lab Guide to Services for details.
	Glucose- Fasting	GLUF	LAB	GLUF	Y		0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin). *Time of collection must be written on tubes*			
	Glucose- Gestational Diabetes Screening- 50 g Challenge Test	GLU50	LAB	call Lab	Y					
	Glucose- Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (Gestational)- 75 g	GTTG	LAB	GTTGEST	Y					
	Glucose- Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (non-Gestational)- 75 g	GTT2	LAB	GTT2	Y					
	Hemoglobin A1c	A1C	LAB	HGBA1C	Y	EDTA (Lavender)	2 mL ETDA whole blood	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	*Do not centrifuge*
	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin	HCG	LAB	HCG	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	
	Lactate (Venous)	LACTV	LAB	LACTV	N	*PST on ice*	0.5 mL Whole Blood (Lithium Heparin)	STAT	30 minutes on ice.	*Do not use tourniquet when collecting blood* Deliver to Lab on ice. In-house Only.
	Lactate Dehydrogenase (LD)	LDI	LAB	LDH	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin) *Do not refrigerate or freeze*	same day	3 days at 18-24 °C. *Do not refrigerate or freeze*	*Room Temperature storage & transport ONLY*
	Lipase (LIP)	LIP	LAB	LIP	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Magnesium	MG	LAB	MG	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	N-terminal Pro-BNT	BNP	LAB	BNP	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	3 days at 2-8 °C	
	Osmolality	OSMO	LAB	OSMO	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	up to 3 days at 4 °C	
	Osmolality- Urine	OSMOU	LAB	UOSMO	Y	Urine container	0.5 mL Random Urine	same day	up to 3 days at 4 °C	
	Methanol Investigation	METINV	LAB	METINV	Y	PST	Also Order: ABG or VBG	STAT	7 days at 2-8 °C in a never-opened container	This test is conducted in conjunction with Osmolality testing. Use non-alcohol skin cleanser. Due to the volatile nature of alcohol, specimen tubes should be completely filled and capped to avoid evaporative loss to the atmosphere.
	Phosphorus	PHOS	LAB	PHOS	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Potassium	K	LAB	K	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Salicylate (ASA)	SAL	LAB	SAL	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Sodium	NA	LAB	NA	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)	TSHL	LAB	TSH	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	
	Total Protein	TP	LAB	TP	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	3 days at 2-8 °C	
	Total Protein- Creatinine Ratio	PRCRR	LAB	URINEPrCr	Y	Urine container	0.5 mL Fresh Random Urine	same day	3 days at 2-8 °C	See also 24 hour urine - Total Protein. Sample can be frozen.
Triglycerides	TRIG	LAB	TRIG	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	3 days at 2-8 °C	Patient must fast for 12 hours prior to blood collection (*not required when used for pancreatitis risk assessment).	
Uric acid	URCA	LAB	URIC	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium Heparin)	same day	3-5 days at 2-8 °C		


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Venous Blood Gas		VBG	LAB	VBG	N	*PST on ice*	3 mL Whole Blood (Lithium Heparin)	STAT	30 minutes on ice	*Deliver immediately to the Lab- on ice*			
<b>Therapeutic Drug Monitoring:</b>													
Carbamezapine (Tegretol)		CRBM	LAB	CRBM	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	Collect just prior to next dose unless toxicity is suspected. Provide Date and Time of last dose.			
Digoxin		DIG	LAB	DIG	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	Collect just prior to next dose unless toxicity is suspected. Provide Date and Time of last dose.			
Gentamicin		GEN (Lookup)	LAB	GEN (Lookup)	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	Multiple Meditech codes based on dosing and timing of collection- peak or trough. Type in the first 3 letters GEN then hit F9 key to Lookup needed test code.			
Lithium		LI	LAB	LITH	Y	*SST (red or yellow top)*	0.5 mL serum (SST) *Do not use Lithium heparin tube*	same day	7 days at 2-8 °C	*Do not use Lithium heparin tube* -interferes in assay. Collect just prior to next dose unless toxicity is suspected. Provide Date and Time of last dose.			
Phenytoin (Dilantin)		PTN	LAB	PTN	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	Collect just prior to next dose unless toxicity is suspected. Provide Date and Time of last dose.			
Vancomycin		VAN (Lookup)	LAB	VAN (Lookup)	Y	PST	0.5 mL Plasma (Lithium heparin)	same day	2 days at 2-8 °C	Multiple Meditech codes based on dosing and timing of collection- peak or trough. Type in the first 3 letters VAN then hit F9 key to Lookup needed test code.			
<b>24 Hour Urine Testing</b> (Note that some 24 Hour Urine tests are sent to Referral Labs for testing)													
Calcium, 24 hour urine		CA24	LAB	UCAL24	Y	24 hour urine container with 10-20 mL 6 M HCl		24 hour urine containers must be refrigerated during and after the 24 hour collection period. Upon receipt, mix container well and then measure & record total volume on Requisition. Submit 5mL aliquot to Lab for processing. Do not send entire container to the Lab. Record type and volume of preservative used if applicable. We are in the process of updating our written protocols for processing 24 Hour Urine samples. Please phone the Lab for further instructions on processing collections: 393-8739.					
Chloride, 24 hour urine		CL24	LAB	UCL24		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Creatinine, 24 hour urine		CRE24	LAB	UCREAT24		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Magnesium, 24 hour urine		MG24	LAB	UMG24		24 hour urine container with 10-20 mL 6 M HCl							
Phosphorus, 24 hour urine		UPHOS24	LAB	UPHOS24		24 hour urine container with 10-20 mL 6 M HCl							
Potassium, 24 hour urine		K24	LAB	UK24		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Protein, 24 hour urine		TP24	LAB	UPRO24		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Protein, Creatinine Ratio, 24 hour		PRCR24	LAB	call Lab		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Sodium, 24 hour urine		NA24	LAB	UNA24		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Urea, 24 hour urine		UREA24	LAB	call Lab		24 hour urine container, no preservative							
Uric Acid, 24 hour urine		URCA	LAB	UURIC24		24 hour urine container with 10 mL 5% NaOH							
Creatinine Clearance. 24 hour urine		CRCL	LAB	UCRCL24		24 hour urine container, no preservative					Provide patient height & weight for calculation of creatinine clearance. You must also submit a plasma sample for creatinine testing.		
<b>Hematology</b>													
Complete Blood Count (CBC) with automated differential		CBC	LAB	CBC	Y	EDTA (Lavender)	1.0 mL EDTA	same day	Smears must be made within 3 hours of collection	Information about making blood films (smears) can be found in the WGH Lab Guide to Services manual.			
Absolute neutrophil count & absolute granulocyte count		ANC/AGC	LAB	ANC/ACG	Y	EDTA (Lavender)	1.0 mL EDTA	same day	Smears must be made within 3 hours of collection	CBC must be ordered with this test. Special cases only (e.g. chemo patients).			
Prothrombin Time (PT)/ INR		INR	LAB	INR	Y	Sodium citrate (blue)	*Must fill the tube completely*	same day	24 hours at 18-24 °C *do not refrigerate or centrifuge*	*Do not refrigerate or centrifuge* If not tested within 24 hours, remove plasma from cells and freeze at -20°C.			
Partial Thromboplastin Time		PTT	LAB	PTT	Y	Sodium citrate (blue)	*Must fill the tube completely*	same day	4 hours at 18-24 °C in unopened tube	If not tested within 4 hours, remove plasma from cells and freeze at -20°C.			
Dimer test		DIMER	LAB	DIM	Y	Sodium citrate (blue)	*Must fill the tube completely*	same day	4 hours at 18-24 °C	If not tested within 4 hours, remove plasma from cells and freeze at -20°C.			






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<b>Transfusion Medicine</b>											
Transfusion Medicine	ABO & Rh Typing	ABO	BBK	ABO	Y	EDTA	2 mL EDTA	same day	7 days	Not to be used for Pre-Transfusion Testing.	
	ABO & Rh Baby <6 months	ABOBABY	BBK	ABOBABY	Y		0.5 mL EDTA	same day			
	Antibody Screen	ABSC	BBK	ABSC	Y		2 mL EDTA	same day			
	Group & Screen (Pre-Transfusion)	GPSC	BBK	GS	N		2-6 mL EDTA	<1 hr or same day	96 hours - 30 days		Blood Bank ID (wristband) system must be used.
	Direct Antiglobulin Test (DAT)	DAT	BBK	COOD	Y		0.5 mL EDTA	same day	7 days		Also known as Direct Coombs test.
	Cord Blood Investigation (Order on Baby)	CORD	BBK	BABY CORD	N	EDTA or Red Top	1.0 mL EDTA	same day	7 days	Order on newborn of Rh Negative mother. Order Rhlg Requirement for Mother at the same time.	
	Rhlg Requirement for Mother (Order on Mother)	NEEDRHIG	BBK	CORD MOMRH	N	N/A	N/A	same day	N/A	Order this test for Rh Negative mothers only. Order Cord Blood Investigation on newborn at the same time.	
	Prenatal Investigation	PRENAT	BBK	PRENAT	Y	EDTA	6 mL EDTA	10 days	*Test performed at CBS, not WGH.	Order early in Pregnancy. Test Rh Negative mothers again at 24-28 weeks. Blood must be collected before Rhlg is given.	
	Transfusion reaction investigation	TXRXINV	BBK	TXRXINV	N	EDTA & Urine	12 mL blood & 50 mL Urine	STAT	<b>*Stop transfusion. Support clinically, notify physician &amp; phone Lab immediately.*</b>		
<b>Blood Components and Products</b>											
[For current information about these blood components and products, visit:]											
<a href="https://professionaleducation.blood.ca/en/transfusion/clinical-guide-transfusion">https://professionaleducation.blood.ca/en/transfusion/clinical-guide-transfusion</a>											
Blood Components and Products	Red Blood Cells	RBC	BBK	TRPC	N	N/A	N/A	Varies Clinically	See Group & Screen	Group and Screen Required; indicate number of units.	
	Frozen Plasma	FFP	BBK	TRFP	N			30 min	N/A	Blood Group Required	
	Cryoprecipitate	CRYO	BBK	TRCRYO	N			45 min		Blood Group Required, Issued Pooled	
	Platelets	PLT	BBK	TRPLT	N			24 hrs		Not stocked in WGH Lab. Blood Group Required. Issued by "Adult Dose".	
	Albumin 5%	A5	BBK	TRA5	N			10 min			
	Albumin 25%	A25	BBK	TRA25	N			10 min			
	Factor VIII	F8	BBK	TRF8	N			10 min		Hemophilia A patients only	
	Prothrombin Complex Concentrate	PROCOM	BBK	TRPROCOM	N			15min		For urgent Warfarin (Coumadin) Reversal	
	Recombinant activated Factor VII	F7A	BBK	TRF7	N			10 min		Pathologist Approval Required	
	Rh Immune Globulin	RHIG	BBK	RHIG	Communities: request RHIG via Fax.			N/A		10 min	Blood Group Required; issued to Rh negative females only.
	Intravenous Immune Globulin	IVIG	BBK	TRIVIG	N			N/A		10 min	Prior Approval Required - Call Lab
	Hepatitis B Immune Globulin	HBIG	BBK	HBIG	Communities: approval via YCDC					10 min	At-Risk Neonates and as per body fluid exposure protocol
	Varicella zoster Immune Globulin	VZIG	BBK	TRMVZIG						10 min	CMOH Approval Required
	Immune Serum Globulin (2 mL)	ISG	BBK	N/A						10 min	CMOH Approval is required.

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Urine & Misc.	<b>Urine tests [See Chemistry (ACR, Osmolality) and Microbiology (Culture) sections for more details.]</b>									
	Urinalysis	UA	LAB	UA	Y	Urine container	10 mL urine	same day	2 hours; 12 hours at 2-8 °C	Refrigerate sample if delayed in transport.
	Urine drugs of abuse screen	UDOA	LAB	UDOA	Y		2 mL urine		2 days at 2-8 °C	DOA now includes Fentanyl screen.
	Urine fentanyl screen	UDOA	LAB	UDOA	Y		2 mL urine		2 days at 2-8 °C	This test is now included within the UDOA screen.
	Pregnancy test	PREG	LAB	UHCG	Y		2 mL urine		2 days at 2-8 °C	
Fecal Immunochemical testing (FIT) (Colorectal Cancer Screening)	FIT	LAB	FITS	Y	FIT collection kit	See FIT kit Instructions	Weekdays (batched)	7 days at 2-8 °C	Deliver to the Lab within 48 hours of collection.	
Booked Outpatient Procedures	<b>Booked Outpatient Procedures</b>									
	See WGH Lab Guide to Services manual for Patient Instructions. See Chemistry section for booked Glucose testing (GTTG, GTT2)									
	Electrocardiograms	ECG	LAB	ECG	Y			3 days	N/A	Testing available at all 3 Yukon hospitals; booked procedure
	Holter monitoring	HOL	LAB	HOL	Y			6 weeks	N/A	Testing available at all 3 Yukon hospitals; booked procedure
	Spirometry (No Bronchodilator)	SPIRO	LAB	Book with Lab	Y			14 days		WGHLab performs urgent spirometry testing only; most testing done by True North Respiratory (Whitehorse). Testing site subject to change.
Spirometry: Reversibility Testing (Pre & Post Bronchodilator)	REVERSIBILITY	LAB	Y				14 days			
Urea Breath test	UBT	LAB		Y	UBT tubes		4 business days		No appointment necessary- limited to afternoons. Testing available at all 3 Yukon hospitals; see special instructions in Guide to Services.	
Microbiology	<b>Microbiology</b>									
	**The WGH Microbiology Laboratory Requisition must be completed in full to ensure appropriate culture and sensitivity testing is performed.**									
	Gram stain (smear)		MIC	GS	Y	Smear slide	Prepare a smear from sample at time of collection	2-3 days	Indefinitely if prepared at time of collection.	Completely fill out requisition.
	<b>Routine Culture:</b>									
	Throat (r/o Group A strep)	Test orders made outside WGH: Completely fill out WGH Micro Lab Requisition	MIC	TS	Y	Modified Amies Clear swab		2-3 days	2 days	Must provide patient history, including allergies to penicillin & previous antibiotic treatment (completely fill out Requisition).
	Sputum		MIC	CSSPU	Y	Sterile container *Refrigerate*	2 mL (0.5 teaspoon)	2-3 days	Refrigerate 2-8 °C	Deliver to the Lab within 48 hours.
	Eye(s)		MIC	CSEYE	Y	Modified Amies Clear swab	Swab sample as quantity allows	2-3 days	Deliver to Lab within 48 hours	Completely fill out requisition.
	Ear(s)		MIC	CSEAR						
	Mouth/Gingiva/Tongue		MIC	CSWHN						
	Nose Culture		MIC	CSN				2-3 days		
Broncho alveolar Lavage					Y	Sterile container *Refrigerate*		2-3 days	Refrigerate 2-8 °C	Deliver to the Lab within 48 hours.
Blood Culture	Completely fill out WGH Micro Lab Requisition	MIC	B	Y	BacT/Alert Bottles	Follow detailed instructions in the WGH Lab Guide to Services manual	5 days	24 hours at 18-24 °C	*Deliver as soon as possible* See WGH Lab Guide to Services for details about collection and transport.	
Urine Culture		MIC	U	Y	Uricult bottle	Dip Uricult dipstick in urine sample immediately- less than 2 hours at room temperature or 24 hours if sample refrigerated	2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible	Completely fill out requisition.	

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Microbiology	Vaginal	Test orders made outside WGH: Completely fill out WGH Micro Lab Requisition	MIC	GEN	Y	Modified Amies Clear swab	Swab sample as quantity allows	2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible		
	Cervix		MIC	GEN	Y	Modified Amies Charcoal swab	Swab sample as quantity allows	2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible		
	Urethra		MIC	GEN	Y	Thin wire Dacron swab (with charcoal medium)	Swab sample as quantity allows	2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible		
	IUD		MIC	call Lab	Y	IUD in sterile container		2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible		
	Intravascular Catheter Tip		MIC	call Lab	Y	Sterile container		2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible		
	<b>Skin/ Wound/ Ulcer/ Abscess Culture:</b> [Must specify source/ body site]										
	Culture- Head and Neck		MIC	WHN	Y	Modified Amies Clear swab	Swab sample as quantity allows	2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible	Completely fill out requisition.	
	Culture- Limbs		MIC	WL				2-3 days			
	Culture- Lower Body		MIC	WLB				2-3 days			
	Culture- Upper Body		MIC	WUB				2-3 days			
	<b>Genital Tract Specimens:</b>										
	Gram Stain- Genital	Test orders made outside WGH: Completely fill out WGH Micro Lab Requisition	MIC	call Lab	Y	Glass slide	Prepare a smear from sample at time of collection	2-3 days	Indefinitely if prepared at time of collection.		
	Trichomonas vaginalis antigen		MIC	TVA		Modified Amies Clear swab	2 days	Less than 36 hours			
	Group B Strep Screen (pregnancy only)		MIC	GBS		Modified Amies Clear swab	2-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible	Must indicate if patient has a Penicillin allergy.		
	Gonorrhoeae (GC) Rectal Culture		MIC	GCREC		Modified Amies Charcoal swab	2-3 days				
	Gonorrhoeae (GC) Throat Culture		MIC	GCT			2-3 days				
	<b>Antibiotic-Resistant Organisms:</b>										
	MRSA Screen		MIC	MRSA (Lookup)	Y	Modified Amies Clear swab	Swab sample as quantity allows	1-3 days	Deliver as soon as possible	Check your department-specific guidelines before collecting.	
	VRE Screen- Rectal Swab		MIC	VRER				2-4 days			
	VRE Screen- Wound Swab		MIC	VREW				2-4 days			
<b>Stool specimens:</b>											
C. difficile antigen and toxin assay	CDIFF	LAB	CDIFF	Y	Starplex Sterile container with spoon	Loose or watery stool only	STAT	<2 hours at 18-24 °C; < 72 hours at 2-8 °C	*Refrigerate specimen* Specimens >72 hours old are rejected. This test is not orderable for children < 12 months.		