

Collection & Shipping Instructions for Wound Pathogens



Please follow the instructions below to accurately complete the requisition. For additional assistance, please call 903.805.9955.

STEP 1: Advanta Analytical Laboratories Requisition

The requisition can be pre-populated with most of the patient's information (*by Technician/Nurse Staff/Front office staff*). **Please verify it is correct, and make any necessary changes.**

To complete the requisition form:

Enter Date Collected and Patient Signature on the requisition. **This is REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

1. Physician's Name, Date of Collection, Patient's Name, Gender, DOB, & DOI (Date of Injury – if applicable/Workers' Comp)
2. Diagnosis Code (ICD-10): Primary - Chief Complaint, Secondary - Supplemental Diagnosis
3. Patient's Signature & Date
4. Patient's Current Medications
5. Provider's Orders
6. Panel Selection
7. Nail & Paronychia Pathogens Test Sample Information
8. Point-of-Care Results (if applicable)
9. Physician's Signature

STEP 2: Wound Pathogens Specimen Collection and Preparation

To ensure safety and validity of the sample, it is important to follow the instructions provided below:

1. Remove sterile swab from collection kit being careful not to contaminate the tip.
2. Follow one of the sample collection methods below based upon the type of wound:
 - **Decubitus ulcer:** roll the sterile swab directly across the affected area until saturated. Proceed to step 3.
 - **Abscess with skin intact:**
 - a. Use sterile needle/syringe to aspirate approximately 1 mL of purulent material
 - b. Eject aspirated material into sterile collection cup
 - c. Roll sterile swab in collection cup to saturate swab. Proceed to step 3.
 - **Abscess with open skin/sinus tract:**
 - a. Wipe skin around opening with 70% ethanol or equivalent
 - b. Roll sterile swab with purulent material within abscess/sinus and ensure it is saturated. Proceed to step 3.
3. Place swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube (with the swab remaining in the tube).
5. Label the transport tube with two patient identifiers.
6. Place the transport tube into the provided specimen bag.
The collection process is now complete and ready for shipping.

STEP 3: Ship the Specimen to Advanta Analytical Laboratories

1. Please ship within 24 hours.
2. Place sealed specimen bags into a UPS/FedEx Clinical Pack included in your kit (5-8 cups per bag).
3. Place UPS/FedEx Clinical Pack into UPS/FedEx Clinical Box.
4. Separate label from backing and place on the UPS/FedEx box.
5. Call UPS/FedEx to schedule your pickup (if UPS/FedEx is not already coordinated with your clinic).

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