

## Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

### Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas* Carbapenemase (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)*
<p>Non-mucoid <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> isolate resistant to any carbapenem:</p> <p>MIC of <math>\geq 8</math> <math>\mu\text{g/ml}</math> for any carbapenem <b>except ertapenem</b> AND MIC of <math>\geq 8</math> <math>\mu\text{g/ml}</math> for ceftazidime or cefepime</p>	NA	NA	NA	<p>Choc, HIA, BHI slant or plate.</p> <p>Note: Plate may be used <i>only</i> if transported by courier.</p>	<p><b>Transport device:</b> Choc, HIA, BHI slant or plate. Note: Plate may be used <i>only</i> if transported by courier.</p> <p><b>Rejection Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contaminated media.</li> <li>○ Does not meet CR-<i>Pseudomonas</i> testing criteria.</li> <li>○ Broken transport device.</li> <li>○ Leaking specimen.</li> <li>○ Requisition form/isolate discrepancies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transport:</b> Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B.</p> <p><b>Storage:</b> Store at ambient temperature.</p>

**General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)**

- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

**Collection kit availability**

Not available.

**Comments**

None.