
Reporting Title: VRE PCR**Performing Location:** Rochester**Necessary Information:****Specimen source is required.****Specimen Requirements:**

The high sensitivity of amplification by polymerase chain reaction requires the specimen to be processed in an environment in which contamination of the specimen by vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* DNA is unlikely.

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:**Preferred:****Specimen Type:** Perianal, perirectal, rectal, anal**Supplies:** Culturette (BBL Culture Swab) (T092)**Container/Tube:** Culture transport swab (Dacron or rayon swab with aluminum or plastic shaft with either Stuart or Amies liquid medium)**Specimen Volume:** Swab**Specimen Stability Information:** Refrigerated (preferred)/Frozen**Acceptable:****Specimen Type:** Preserved feces**Supplies:** Culture and Sensitivity Stool Transport Vial (T058)**Container/Tube:** Commercially available transport system specific for recovery of enteric pathogens from fecal specimens (15 mL of non-nutritive transport medium containing phenol red as a pH indicator, either Cary-Blair, Para-Pak C and S vial)**Specimen Volume:** Representative portion of feces**Collection Instructions:**

1. Collect fresh feces and submit 1 gram or 5 mL in container with transport medium.
2. Place feces in preservative within 2 hours of collection.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/ Refrigerated**Specimen Type:** Unpreserved feces**Supplies:**

-Stool Container, Small (Random), 4 oz Random (T288)

-Stool Collection Kit, Random (T635)

Container/Tube: Fecal container**Specimen Volume:** Representative portion of feces**Collection Instructions:** Collect fresh fecal specimen and submit representative sample in fecal container.**Specimen Stability Information:** Refrigerated (preferred)/Frozen**Forms:**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Microbiology Test Request](#) (T244) with the specimen.

Test Definition: VRERP

Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus,
Molecular Detection, PCR, Varies

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
VRERP	SRC60	Specimen source	Plain Text	Yes

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
SRC60	Specimen source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
84406	VRE PCR	Alphanumeric		62261-3

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87500

Reference Values:

Negative