



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

Specimen Minimum Volume:

See Specimen Required



Forms:

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

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