



# Endoscopy: Collection Guide

When placing a written lab order,  
please use the recommended wording provided in quotes



## Surgical Biopsy for Pathology

No written order, use MedConnect  
collect: tissue in standard **formalin** jar  
(10% formalin)



## Lymphoma Work-Up / Flow Cytometry (FNA or biopsy)

FNA and/or biopsy must be placed directly in **RPMI** preservative;  
please call Pathology for vial



## Cytology

(FNA & brushings—including evaluation for *Candida*)

order: use Cytology paper requisition  
collect: tissue into **Cytolyt vial**

## Cultures (Tissue)



### Bacterial Culture (Tissue)

order: "Culture, Bacteria, Tissue; specimen: tissue"

### Fungal Culture (Tissue)

order: "Culture, Fungi, Other; specimen: tissue"

### AFB (Acid Fast Bacilli) Culture (Tissue)

order: "Culture Acid Fast Bacilli, Non Resp"

collect: tissue fresh in **sterile container**  
(+ a sterile saline)

### Viral Culture from Tissue

order: "Viral Culture, Non-Respiratory"  
collect: tissue in **Universal/Viral Transport Media**  
(UTM/VTM)



## Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (Rectal Swab)

order: Chlamydia Trachomatis and Neisseria Gonorrhoeae

collect: **Xpert Swab Transport Reagent Tube**



## Helicobacter Pylori Culture

order: "Helicobacter Pylori Culture"  
collect: tissue fresh in **Brucella Broth with 20% glycerol** and transport immediately to lab after collection; Call Lab for vial.



## Stool for Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff)

order: "C. Difficile Antigen Detection by EIA"  
collect: stool in **sterile container**



## Giardia and O&P Evaluation

For giardia surgical biopsy evaluation;  
MedConnect biopsy order and include clinical history: "rule out Giardia"; collect tissue in standard **formalin** jar (10%)

For O&P evaluation (including Giardia),  
order: "Ova and Parasite, Smear, Feces"  
collect: stool in **Para-Pak EcoFix container**

Note: Cryptosporidium, Microsporidia, Isospora, Cyclospora and pinworm not readily detected by O&P.



## Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) - Tissue

For Culture:  
order: "Herpes Culture"; collect tissue in **Universal Vital Transport Media (UTM/VTM)**



or

### For PCR:

order: "Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) by PCR", tissue collected fresh in **sterile container and transported immediately to lab after collection.**



## Cytomegalovirus (CMV) - Tissue

For Culture,  
order: "Cytomegalovirus Culture"  
collect tissue in **Universal/Vital Transport Media (UTM/VTM)**



### For PCR,

order: "Cytomegalovirus by Qualitative PCR" collect: tissue fresh in **sterile container and transported immediately to lab after collection.**



## Worms (for assessment without microscope)

order: "Macroscopic Exam, Parasite"  
collect: stool / worm / parasite in **sterile container**



## Pancreatic Cyst Fluid Molecular Testing

Use Interpace Diagnostics test requisition; Collect: fluid in **vial provided by Interpace**



## FISH – biliary brushing

order: "FISH testing" written on Cytopathology form  
collect: tissue/fluid into dedicated **Cytolyt vial**

