

Memo

Please review collection instructions for Norovirus. The Cary-Blair Transport Media may be ordered via the HealthEast Medical Laboratory On-line Ordering System.

Panel Name: Norovirus Group I and II Detection by RT-PCR

Panel Code: LAB2076

Collection Requirements: Cary-Blair Transport Media

Shipping/Handling Instructions:

SUBMIT: 3 mL of stool in Cary-Blair Transport Media REFRIGERATED.

UNACCEPTABLE: Samples received in sterile containers greater than 2 hours from collection. Preserved stool not received at performing laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Samples collected on patients hospitalized for greater than 3 days without prior consultation with Infectious Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory.

NOTE: Collect stool in clean, dry bedpan or onto newspaper placed over toilet seat. Those portions of stool containing blood, pus or mucus are especially significant. Immediately place specimen in Cary-Blair transport media and refrigerate. If specimen is collected in a sterile container, sample must be received in the lab and transferred to Cary-Blair Transport Media within 2 hours of collection.

