

Duodenoscope Collection/Shipping Guidelines



Sample: 50 mL samples are aseptically collected from the distal elevator mechanism/channel and the instrument channel. Unused sterile water and phosphate buffered saline used for sampling are submitted as negative controls.

Method: Quantitative culture for bacteria.

Collection:

1. Detailed instructions are provided in the [Interim Duodenoscope Sampling Method provided by the Centers for Disease Control](#)
2. Seal container lids with Parafilm.

Shipping:

1. Clearly label each sample with a Sample Number and complete the Chain of Custody (COC).
2. Place each container in its own Ziploc bag and then in a box with an insulated foam liner and ice pack.
3. Insert the completed COC form into a plastic sleeve or Ziploc bag and place in box.
4. Ship samples Monday through Thursday (12 noon) for receipt within 24 hours of collection.