

# Duodenoscope Collection/Shipping Guidelines



**Sample:** Samples (~45 mL) are aseptically collected from the elevator mechanism and instrument channel using sterile, non-bacteriostatic water and a single sterile collection container. When sampling is complete, a neutralizing solution is added to the collection container.

**Method:** Quantitative culture for bacteria.

**Collection:**

1. Detailed instructions are provided in [Duodenoscope Surveillance Sampling and Culturing](#).
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.

**Sample Non-conformances:**

- <2°C or >8°C
- Received >24 hours after collection
- Submitted without neutralizer
- Submitted without brushes