

Clinical Testing Hepatitis

Instructions for Hepatitis Specimen Submission

1. Collect at least 5.0 mL of whole blood in the Auto-sep™ tube provided.
2. Attach the Illinois Department of Public Health provided bar code label lengthwise on the specimen tube. The specimen must be labeled with the patient's full name and/or identification number.
3. Place the matching Department provided barcode label on the requisition form; look for the instruction "Place testing facility barcode label in the box below."
4. Allow the blood to clot at room temperature. Centrifuge at 2000 to 3000 rpm for 10 minutes.
5. Complete all information on the test requisition. The patient's identifier on the test requisition must match the identifier on the specimen. If both name and barcode label are placed on the specimen, they must both match the test requisition.
6.
 - a. Messenger/courier by ground transport
Wrap specimen(s) individually in absorbent material. Place wrapped specimen(s) into a biohazard labeled bag and seal securely. Place the test requisition(s) on the outside of the biohazard labeled bag. Place the sealed biohazard bag and test requisition(s) inside the shipping container. The shipping container must be rigid such as a cooler and labeled with the UN 3373 Biological Substance Category B marking. Close securely.
 - b. Commercial carrier by ground/air transport
Wrap specimen(s) individually in absorbent material. Place the wrapped specimen(s) inside a biohazard labeled 95 kPa bag and seal following the instructions on the bag. Place the test requisition(s) on the outside of the 95 kPa bag. Place the sealed 95 kPa bag and completed test requisitions(s) inside the outer shipping container and close securely. Label the outer shipping container with the appropriate Illinois Department of Public Health laboratory address. Complete the return address section to include the name of the person shipping the package, business name and address and a business phone number. The shipping container must include the UN 3373 Biological Substance Category B marking.
8. If the specimen(s) cannot be transported immediately, store at 2 C to 8 C (refrigerator).
9. **Hepatitis specimens must reach the laboratory within 10 days of collection.**

Ship to:

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