

Acid-Fast Bacilli Specimen Collection & Transport by Source

<i>Specimen Source</i>	<i>Collection Procedure</i>	<i>Optimum Transport Procedure</i> <i>(Transport all specimens within 24 hours or overnight unless otherwise specified.)</i>
Aspirate	Sterile container	2-8° C
Blood	5-10 mL in ACD or Heparin	Room Temperature
Body Fluids	Sterile container	2-8° C
Bone Marrow	Collect in sterile tube or Heparin tube	Room Temperature
Bronchoalveolar lavage, bronchial washings, bronchial brushings	Sterile container	2-8° C
CSF	Sterile container	2-8° C
Gastric Lavage	Sterile container. Specimen pH adjusted to 7.0 if transport to lab is >1 hour post collection.	2-8° C
Sputum	Sterile container	2-8° C
Stool	2 gm in sterile container	2-8° C
Tissue	1 gm in sterile container. Keep moist with sterile saline.	2-8° C
Urine	Sterile container	2-8° C