

VA Laboratory

RE: Packing and Transporting Specimens

Specimens that require refrigeration (cooler w/ ice packs)for transport:

Urine Containers. Container lids should be secure for transport. Two containers per biohazard bag.

Ova & Parasite containers and Stool containers.

Gold Tubes, Green Tubes, Blue Tubes, Blood Cultures and any tube that requires refrigeration. Some specimens may require centrifuge before transport. All tubes should be transported with cap up to reduce mixing and must be placed into a biohazard bag for transport.

24Hr. Urine Containers placed in biohazard bags.

Specimens that require transport in biohazard bag at room temperature placed on top of lab cooler in courier room:

Lavender Tubes(CBC & A1C), Slides, Swab Cultures.

Courier transports to VA Portland Health Care System Lab daily for testing. Results posted in Electronic Records(CPRS) AM next day.