Specimen Submission Requirements For T-SPOT (indirect test for M. tuberculosis)

Methodology: Enzyme-linked (ELISPOT) method

Performed: The Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division will accept whole blood specimens from Monday through Thursday.

Turn-Around-Time: 2 days

Specimen Submission: TB Branch at Lanakila only. No other submitters at this time.

Specimen Collection: Adults and Children 10 years and older: one 6 mL lithium or sodium heparin tube.
Children 2-9 years old: one 4 mL lithium or sodium heparin tube.
Children up to 2 years old: one 2 mL lithium or sodium heparin tube.

Specimen Transport: Specimens are to be delivered to the Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division. Whole blood specimens should be stored at room temperature (18 - 25° C) and transported at room temperature to the State Laboratory within 24 hours.

Requisition Form: Laboratory Form 81.3

Normal Value: Negative

Result Notification: Results will be SharePointed or Faxed.

Remarks: This is a 2-day test. Please take note of days when the State Laboratory will be closed.

Unacceptable Conditions: a. Illegible or incomplete requisition forms
b. Unlabeled tubes
c. Clotted blood specimens
d. Leaking blood tubes
e. Whole blood in collection tubes containing an anticoagulant other than those listed above in Specimen Collection
f. Specimens not stored or transported at room temperature
g. Specimens received at the State Laboratory past 32 hours from time of collection
Test Location: State Laboratories Division
Medical Microbiology Branch
Mycobacteriology Unit
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