

Test: Post mortem culture

Specimen receiving: Specimens for bacterial culture will be accepted from Monday thru Friday by 3:30 p.m., except on holidays.

Turn around Time: 21 days

Specimen requirements: Test requests are limited to post-mortem specimens originating from the City & County Medical Examiner's Office. All submissions are in accordance with a prior arrangement with the Department of Health.

Specimens: Blood, CSF, and various organ and tissue samples

Specimen transport: Specimens are transported at ambient temperature, upright in leak-proof containers and specimen bags.

Requisition form:

- All specimens must be submitted with the appropriate 81.3 test requisition form.
- The requisition form must legibly include patient name (or other unique identifier).
- The test to be performed must be listed
- Specimen site must be written.
- Date of specimen collection is required.
- Any additional information relevant and necessary to assure accurate and timely testing and reporting of results is helpful.

Normal value: N/A

Result notification: Final laboratory reports will be forwarded to both the City & County Medical Examiner's Office and the Disease Investigation Branch (DIB). Any critical findings may be called or faxed in, as is deemed necessary.

Comments: Some tissue samples may be split with the Virology Section of the Medical Microbiology Branch. Some specimens may require additional testing and may be forwarded to the CDC if further testing is necessary.

Specimen Submission Requirements, Bacteriology-Parasitology Section, Med Micro Br.

Unacceptable conditions:

- Leaking or specimens in cracked tubes
- Illegible or incomplete requisition forms
- Specimens without requisition forms

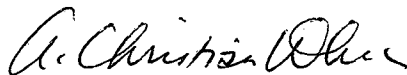
Test location:

State of Hawaii Dept. of Health Laboratories
Medical Microbiology Branch
Bacteriology-Parasitology Section
2725 Waimano Home Road, 2nd. Floor
Pearl City, HI 96782

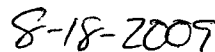
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