Specimen Storage Guide

The below is designed to serve as a guide only. For specific instructions on storing specimens out of hours please refer to the Austin Health Pathology Test Directory (www.austinpathology.org.au/test-directory) via the QR code below.

Blood Cultures

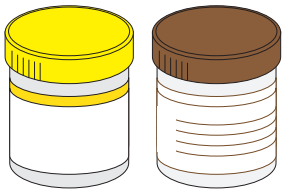
DO NOT place blood cultures in the fridge.

Please store at room temperature.



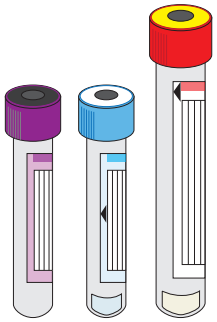
Urine, Sputum and Faeces

Urine, Sputum and Faeces specimens to be stored at 4°C.



Blood Tubes

Routine Blood samples to be stored at 4°C.



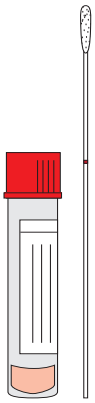
Genetic and Molecular Tests

Genetic / Molecular Tests to be stored at 4°C.



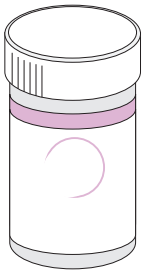
Swabs

Swab specimens to be stored at 4°C.



Thin Prep

Cervical Screening Test to be stored at room temperature.



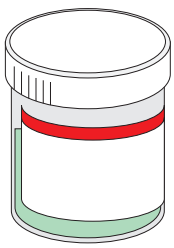
Fresh Tissue, Fluids and Washings

Fresh tissue, Fluids and Washings to be stored at 4°C.



Histology in Formalin

Formalin fixed specimens to be stored at room temperature.



Need more information?

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