

Seascope Health Alliance

Specimen Collection and Storage

<i>SPECIMEN TYPE</i>	<i>ROOM TEMPERATURE</i>	<i>REFRIGERATION</i>
URINE	Although urine specimen should be refrigerated, our modern vacutainer collection device preserves urine integrity for up to 3 days at room temperature	3 Days
SPUTUM		Up to 24 hours
FECES FOR CULTURE		Up to 24 hours – If specimen is not picked up within 24 hours, it will be preserved if frozen
FECES FOR O AND P		Up to 24 hours – If specimen is not picked up within 24 hours, it will be preserved if frozen
FECES FOR C. DIFFICILE		Up to 72 hours
BLOOD CULTURE	Up to 24 hours	
ALL CULTURETTE SWABS	Up to 24 hours	
SPECIMEN IN STERILE CONTAINER	Up to 24 hours	
VIRUS CULTURE/VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA		Up to 24 hours