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| SPECIMEN | INVESTIGATION | SPECIMEN |
| Blood | Serological investigations | Brown topped Sarstedt tube – 7.5mL clotted blood is sufficient for several tests |
| Blood | Hep C &HIV by PCR | Phone laboratory for advice |
| Blood | Blood Culture | Blood culture sets available from laboratory |
| CSF | Culture & Sensitivity | Universal container (white top) |
| Ear Swabs | Culture & Sensitivity | Transwab (orange top) |
| Faeces | Culture & Sensitivity | Universal with spoon |
| Faeces | Ova, cysts and parasites | Universal with spoon |
| Fluids | Culture & Sensitivity | 60mL container |
| Genital swabs | Culture & Sensitivity | Transwab (blue cap) |
| Genital swabs | Chlamydia | Kit available from laboratory |
| IUCD | Culture & Sensitivity | 60mL container |
| Pernasal swabs | Bordatella pertussis | Pernasal swab available from laboratory |
| Respiratory swabs | Culture & Sensitivity | Transwab (blue cap) |
| Skin swabs | Culture & Sensitivity | Transwab (blue cap) |
| Skin, nails, hair | Mycology | Folded in dermapak, or submitted in 60mL container |
| Sputum | Culture & Sensitivity | 60mL container |
| Sputum | TB culture | 60mL container |
| Swabs | Virology | Viral Transport medium – available on request |
| Tissue | Culture & Sensitivity | 60mL container – must NOT contain formalin |
| Urine | Culture & Sensitivity | 30mL universal with boric acid (red top) |
| Urine | TB culture | 160mL container |
| Urine | Schistosome ova | 160mL container |
| Urine | Virology | 60mL container |
| Wound swabs | Culture & Sensitivity | Transwab (blue top) |