

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Bacteriology

Contact lens

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): Contact lens case or Sterile container with saline

Specimen type: Contact lens

Specimen transport: If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable.

Please send contact lens in solution or sterile saline, not dry contact lenses

Minimum volume of sample: Not applicable

Laboratory information

Turnaround time:

2-3 working days for culture

Acanthameoba investigations 7 working days

Fungal Culture 5 working days

Clinical information

Factors known to significantly affect the results: The sample should be sent to the laboratory without delay

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