

Laboratory/Pharmacy – Acceptable specimens/containers/medications to transport via Pneumatic Tube			Instructions for specimen packaging through the tube system:																					
Specimen	Container	Number of specimen containers acceptable per sealed specimen bag placed in a second sealed specimen bag in each canister																						
Blood (Chem, Heme, Blood Bank, Serology)	All Vacutainers (red, pink, gold, blue, purple, green, royal blue, yellow) All Microtainers	Maximum of 3 different patient's specimens, each in a separate sealed specimen bag. Maximum of 20 tubes per carrier.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Properly label all specimens prior to transport. Remove needles from specimen container, if present. Carefully and securely tighten caps on specimen containers. Place each patient's specimen(s), stool card(s) or set of blood culture bottles in a separate sealed and a second sealed specimen bag. Any approved laboratory specimen that is STAT or routine may be transported via tube at any time. <p>If you do not see a specimen, container or item listed DO NOT SEND.</p> <p>DO NOT SEND FOOD OR ANY CONSUMABLE.</p> <p>To retrieve a canister: Phone call to "Last Sent" location.</p> <p>Extra carriers: Place the carrier in the transport mechanism and press "Empty Send".</p>																					
Blood Cultures	BacT Alert culture vials (aerobic and anaerobic),	Maximum of three sets of blood culture bottles OR One set of blood culture bottles, a Wampole Isolator Microbial Tube and up to 7 vacutainer tubes per carrier.																						
Blood (on ice)	Samples that require transport on ice must be sent in a sealed specimen bag placed in a second sealed specimen bag.	Do NOT send Iced specimens with non-iced specimens.																						
Blood for fungal culture	Yellow top Wampole Isolator Microbial tube or heparinized tube.	See acceptable criteria noted for blood cultures.																						
Blood Gas Specimens	Mixed venous, venous or arterial samples.	One patient specimen per carrier.																						
Cultures	EZII swabs, Eswab, approved screw top tube containers, NAAT and APTIMA containers.	Maximum of 3 different patient cultures each in a separate bag.																						
Sputum	Approved securely capped container.	Maximum of two specimen containers per carrier.																						
Stool	Serracult Plus Single Card	Maximum of 3 different patient specimen bags in a carrier.																						
Urine	Approved securely capped container.	Maximum of two specimen containers per carrier.																						
Registration - Blue plates , wristbands and admission cover sheets																								
Pharmacy - Acceptable medications transported via Pneumatic Tube																								
STAT or one time doses of room temperature stored, non-narcotic tablets, UDC cup or IV medications that are 1000 ml. or less.																								
Laboratory -Unacceptable Specimens/Containers/Medications/Items for transport via Pneumatic Tube																								
Specimen/Container	Comments	Instructions for pneumatic tube operation:																						
Stools	Only stool cards are acceptable. DO NOT SEND any other type of stool sample.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Insert a manufacturer's foam liner into the carrier. Place the sealed specimen bags into a second sealed specimen bag, then into the carrier. Latch the carrier making sure nothing is protruding from the carrier. Place the carrier in the transport mechanism. Enter the station number and press "send". <p>STATION DIRECTORY:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>102 – Pharmacy</td> <td>152 – ICU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>111- ER</td> <td>201 – ASU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>112- Radiology</td> <td>202 – Central Lab Proc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>122- Psych</td> <td>203 – Blood Bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>121 – L2 S. Nurse</td> <td>204 – Outpatient Lab</td> </tr> <tr> <td>131- Med</td> <td>211 – OR Nurse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>132 – OBS</td> <td>212 – PACU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>141- Surg</td> <td>213 – ASU Nurse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>142 – Surg north</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>143 - Peds</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>151- SCU</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>If contamination occurs or system shutdown is needed call 5227.</p> <p>For additional foam liners, contact CLP at 3975.</p>	102 – Pharmacy	152 – ICU	111- ER	201 – ASU	112- Radiology	202 – Central Lab Proc	122- Psych	203 – Blood Bank	121 – L2 S. Nurse	204 – Outpatient Lab	131- Med	211 – OR Nurse	132 – OBS	212 – PACU	141- Surg	213 – ASU Nurse	142 – Surg north		143 - Peds		151- SCU	
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Blood samples maintained at 37°C	DO NOT SEND samples that require warm water or warm sand.																							
Body Fluids	DO NOT SEND any of these types of specimens or containers.																							
Capillary/Microhematocrit tubes																								
Radioactive specimens																								
Glass Vacuum containers over 10ml.																								
Semen Specimens																								
Tissue and Thin Prep Vials																								
POC Supplies or Devices	DO NOT SEND any tissue or specimen for analysis by Surgical Pathology or Cytology (except Thin Prep Vials noted above)																							
Blood Bank Paperwork	DO NOT SEND Glucometer, ISTAT, POC reagents, strips, etc.																							
Pharmacy -Unacceptable medications for transport via Pneumatic Tube	DO NOT SEND completed Transfusion Slips and Vital Sheets. Send through' interoffice departmental mail.																							
Albumin	DO NOT SEND this type of medication STAT or Routine.																							
Nitroglycerin – 100ml. Bottle																								
Narcotics																								
Refrigerated medications other than for immediate use																								
IVIg (Immune Globulin)																								

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