

Specimen Transportation

1. Maintaining the integrity of patient specimens from the time of collection until testing is complete is important.
2. Biohazard zip-lock bags are available from CHI Health Laboratory and must be used for the transport of all specimens.
3. When transporting specimens to the CHI Health Laboratory:
 - a. Place the specimen into a biohazard zip lock bag.
 - b. Place the requisition in the outside pocket of the bag.
 - c. place the biohazard bag in a durable watertight secondary container labeled with a biohazard emblem.
 - d. place enough non-particulate absorbent material inside the secondary container to absorb the entire contents of the primary container if leakage or spilling occurs. More than one primary container can be placed in the secondary container as long as there is sufficient absorbent material.
 - e. Specimens must be delivered at recommended temperatures to maintain specimen integrity.
 - f. Do not allow specimen(s) to come into direct contact with ice packs or dry ice.
4. Call our customer service department at (402) 717-5227 for special transport of critical specimens.
8. If you have questions or concerns regarding specimen processing, handling and transport, please contact our customer service department at (402) 717-5227.