

Monkeypox Collection Guide 2022

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

- (1) Requisition (Electronic or Paper)
- (1) Pair of gloves and other PPE Required (Gown, eye protection and mask (N95 or higher))
- (1) Thermo Scientific Swab with Specimen tube with VTM (pink) stabilization buffer
- (1) Specimen biohazard bag

SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

LABEL SPECIMEN TUBE, FILL OUT TESTING ORDER

- Label specimen tube with the patient's full legal name and DOB.
- **Improperly labeled tubes will cause a rejection.**
- Electronic ordering - <https://innovativegx.limsabc.com/>
- **Not providing proper demographic, insurance information, copy of insurance card front and back, ICD-10 codes with provider signature may cause a rejection.**



STEP 2

COLLECTING THE SPECIMEN

- Peel open sterile pouch and remove the specimen tube and swab. Do not touch swab tip.
- Apply firm pressure (general firm enough so that the swab shaft may bend slightly). This may result in slight pain/discomfort but require obtaining adequate specimen.
 - If lesion ruptures while swabbing, ensure that swab collects lesion fluid.
- Swipe the swab back and forth on the lesion surface at least 2-3 times to rotate and repeat on the other side of the swab at least 2-3 times.
- Remove specimen tube cap and insert swab inside tube.
- Break the top of swab tip at breakpoint.
- Place the specimen tube cap and securing tightly.
- **If the specimen tube cap is not sealed tight and correctly, specimen will leak and will cause a rejection.**
- Discard specimen swab tip that was broken off into biohazard waste.

STEP 3

PREPARE SPECIMEN FOR SHIPPING

- Place the tightly sealed and properly labeled specimen tube inside the biohazard bag.
- Place patient demographic and insurance information into document pouch within biohazard bag.