

Test Name	Sample	Special Instructions
Anthrax	5ml Red Top, Pus, Nasal Swab, Sputum, Animal Products & Environmental Samples	
Botulism	5ml Red Top & Food	
Plague Tests	5ml Red Top, Pus, Bubo Aspirates, Sputum, Rodents & Fleas	
Cholera Surveillance Culture	Cholera Cultures	
Typhoid Outbreaks	Stool And Urine	
Diarrhoea Outbreaks	Water, Stools & Foods	
<i>Vibrio Cholerae</i>	Sewer Pads	
	Water, Stool & Rectal Swabs	
	Cultures	
Leptospirosis	5ml Red Top	If Marked Urgent Done On Receipt
PCR For <i>C Diphtheriae/Shigella/E Coli</i>	Culture Plate	
Salmonella Serotyping Surveillance Isolates	Culture Plate Or Transport Medium	
Shigella/E Coli Serotyping Surveillance Isolates	Culture Plate Or Transport Medium	
Aspergillus	5ml Red Top	
Amphotericin Level		
CSF Mycology Culture	CSF	
Fungal Identification		
Fungal Sensitivity		
Histoplasma	5ml Red Top	
Mycology For Hair, Skin Or Nails	Mycology For Hair, Skin Or Nails	
<i>Sporotrichosis</i>	5ml Red Top	
Acanthamoeba Culture	Contact The Laboratory Before Taking Sample	Contact The Laboratory Before Taking Sample
Amoeba Microscopy	Fresh Stool Specimen Or Cyst Fluid	Stool Must Reach The Laboratory Within 30 Minutes Of Sampling
Bilharzia Microscopic	Urine/Stool	At Least 5ml Of Urine
Giemsa Stain For Malaria Parasites	Purple Top	Clotted Blood Is Unsuitable
Hydatid Hooklets	Cyst Fluid, Sputum	
Malaria Parasite Count	Purple Top	Clotted Blood Is Unsuitable
<i>Microfilaria</i> Investigation	Purple Top	Blood Sampling Should Be Performed At The Correct Times Depending On The Filarial Species
<i>Microsporidia</i> Investigation	Stool	Preserve Stool In An Equal Quantity Of 10% Formalin
Modified ZN Stain For Stool	Stool	Preserve Stool In An Equal Quantity Of 10% Formalin
<i>P Falciparum</i> Antigen Test	Purple Top	Clotted Blood Is Unsuitable

Parasite Identification (Worms Or Eggs)	Worm Or Proglottid Or Sputum	Please Submit Proglottids In Saline. Handle With Care, As Larvae Of Strongyloides And Eggs Of Taenia May Be Infective
Pinworm Investigation	Sticky Tape Swab Slide	Early Morning Sticky Tape Swab Is The Optimal Specimen. Handle With Care As The Eggs May Be Infective
Pneumocystis Ifa	Respiratory Specimens	Sputum Is Not Optimal Specimen
Stool Concentration & Microscopy	Stool	Preserve Stool In An Equal Quantity Of 10% Formalin
Trypanosomiasis	Blood (Purple Top) Or CSF (Only If CNS Invasion Suspected)	If Possible, Arrange With Laboratory