

## Laboratory Technical Bulletin

**Date:** March 9, 2016

**Effective Date:** March 15, 2016

**Title:** Zika Virus Collection & Testing Update

**Test:** Zika Virus

**Explanation:**

All Zika Virus Screen orders must have prior approval of the **local health department where the patient resides**. Do not obtain specimens or send your patients to have specimens collected until you have been given Health Department approval. Tompkins County Department of Health phone (607) 274-6600.


Please indicate on your requisition or in your Electronic Medical Record Order that Health Department approval has been obtained.

If patients are not drawn at Cayuga Medical Center the patient specimens must be refrigerated immediately or delivered to main lab within **1 hour**." The specimens may be refrigerated for up to 48 hours. If greater than 48 hours, the specimens must be aliquoted and frozen at -70 degrees Celsius.

The preferred specimen collection site is the Main Campus of CMC.

<i>Collection Site</i>	CMC Main Campus Patient Service Center
<i>Perform Site</i>	NYSDOH Wadsworth Center Laboratories
<i>Method</i>	Screening and confirmatory tests for antibodies, molecular tests for presence of virus
<i>Lab Test Code</i>	ZIKANYS
<i>Reference Range</i>	Negative for antibodies and virus
<i>Specimen</i>	2 SSTs and 1 full yellow top (unpreserved) urine container – must be refrigerated within 1 hour
<i>Volume Required</i>	Tubes must be full
<i>Turnaround Time</i>	3 to 21 days for complete testing

Please contact the Laboratory at (607)274-4474 with any questions.

 Date 7/10/16  
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