

Laboratory Technical Bulletin

Date: February 12, 2018

Effective Date: March 1, 2018

Title: Zika Virus Collection & Testing

Test: Zika Virus

Explanation of change:

After February 28, 2018, the NYS DOH will no longer designate centers for the collection and transport of zika specimens to Wadsworth Center. However, Wadsworth will continue to accept zika specimens submitted from laboratories or healthcare provider offices. NYS DOH preauthorization will no longer be required.

Providers can either collect specimens at their own office or send the patient to a lab draw site. Samples collected off-site must arrive at the main lab within 48 hours of collection. The samples must arrive at the lab by 1pm Mon-Thurs for same day shipping (holidays excluded).

There is no fee associated with zika testing at Wadsworth Center.

	Current	New
<i>Approval for Testing</i>	Order must have prior approval of the local health department where the patient resides	Prior approval no longer required
<i>Collection Site</i>	CMC Main Campus Patient Service Center	CMC Patient Service Center/Provider Office
<i>Perform Site Method</i>	NYSDOH Wadsworth Center Laboratories	NYSDOH Wadsworth Center Laboratories
<i>Lab Test Code</i>	ZIKANYS	ZIKANYS
<i>Reference Range</i>	Negative for antibodies and virus	Negative for antibodies and virus
<i>Specimen</i>	2 SSTs and 1 full yellow top (unpreserved) urine container – must be refrigerated within 1 hour (sample must be frozen if >48 hours from collection)	2 SSTs and 1 full yellow top (unpreserved) urine container – must be refrigerated within 1 hour (sample must be frozen if >48 hours from collection)
<i>Volume Required</i>	Tubes must be full	Tubes must be full
<i>Turnaround Time</i>	3 to 21 days for complete testing	3 to 21 days for complete testing

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


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