

Laboratory Test Bulletin

Specimen Requirements for the T-SPOT®.TB Test:

TYPE: Whole Blood

VOLUME: Adults and children over 10 years old: 6mL

Children 2-9 years old: 4mL

Children up to 2 years old, pediatric tube: 2mL

NOTE: If patient is immunosuppressed collect two tubes of blood.

HANDLING: Collect one lithium or sodium heparin tube

(NOTE: EDTA tubes are not recommended)

Whole blood samples must be stored at room temperature until packaged for transport.

LABELING: **Required information:**

- Patient name
- Patient identifier (e.g., medical record number)
- Patient date of birth
- Date and time of specimen collection

Completely fill out the T-SPOT.TB Test Requisition Form.





Packaging:

1. Insert specimen tube(s) in foam specimen tray. Each tray holds up to four specimens.
2. Place up to two specimen trays in the biohazard bag with absorbent material and seal.
3. Place completed requisition form(s) in the biohazard bag paperwork pouch.
4. Place a Cryopak* in the insulated container followed by the biohazard bag containing the specimens. Place a second Cryopak above the biohazard bag. Close the top of the insulated container.

* If the daily high outdoor temperature at your location is:

- **78°F or higher – Use solid Cryopaks**

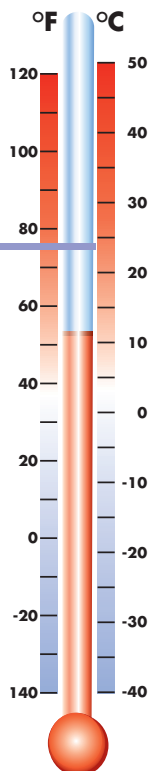
- **77°F or lower – Use liquid Cryopaks**

Shipping:

1. Place the "List of Contents" checklist on the top of the insulated container.
2. Seal box with packing tape and place the FedEx label on the top of the package.
3. If you do not have a regularly scheduled FedEx pickup, call 1-800-463-3339 to request one. Press "0" and specify that you are shipping with a billable stamp.

NOTE: Please refer to the Packaging and Shipping Instructions Bulletin for further detail.

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