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Test Order

Shigella spp. Culture for Identification

Synonym(s)	
Methodology	Culture, biochemical identification, slide agglutination
Acceptable Specimen Type(s) for Testing	Pure isolates
Transport / Collection Medium	Transport on nutrient agar slant, packaged and sealed according to regulations.
Storage and Preservation of Specimen	Refrigerate until transported to the laboratory. Transport at room temperature.
Minimum Volume Required	N/A
Additional Collection Instructions	N/A
Additional Required Information	Please include identification results with submission. If XDR <i>Shigella</i> isolated, please include a copy of the AST profile.
Send Out?	Yes (if unable to identify in-house).
Turnaround Time	Up to 8 weeks.
Testing Restrictions	
Requisition Form(s)	http://sfcdcp.org/document.html?id=1036
Limitations / Notes / Disclaimers	Laboratories are required to send <i>Shigella</i> spp. isolates per Title 17 compliance. The guidelines for Reportable Conditions: Notifications by Laboratory to Public Health can be found HERE . Biochemical identification of <i>Shigella</i> spp. not routinely performed at the San Francisco Public Health Laboratory.

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