

UVMCC Occult Blood: Update to Acceptable Specimen Type

Effective 6/1/2022, the UVMCC Clinical Microbiology Laboratory **will no longer accept** feces submitted in sterile containers for testing. The only acceptable specimen for occult blood testing requests will be inoculated **Hemocult SENA cards**. Delayed inoculation of the Hemocult SENA cards (i.e. when done in the laboratory from a sterile container of feces) decreases sensitivity of the testing and has not been validated by the manufacturer.

Affected Orderables:

Orderable Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Occult Blood, Feces, Screening	LAB694	SOCCB	N/A
Occult Blood Diagnostic, Feces	LAB697	OCCB	N/A

Specimen Requirements:

Current Acceptable Specimen Types	Specimen	Temperature	Notes
Inoculated Hemocult SENA Card	Feces	Ambient	Inoculated cards must be received in the lab within 14 days of collection.
Sterile Container	Feces	Refrigerate	

Updated Acceptable Specimen Type	Specimen	Temperature	Notes
Inoculated Hemocult SENA Card	Feces	Ambient	The cards must be inoculated immediately or within 2 hours of collection and inoculated cards must be received within 14 days of collection

For questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Wojewoda at (802) 847-5140.

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