

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTION & SUBMISSION OF ORASURE SPECIMEN TUBES

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IMPORTANT: If the specimen container is received leaking, not properly labeled, test requisition not completed or specimen label does not match test requisition, the specimen will not be tested.

NOTE: Follow the specimen collection instructions printed on the specimen collection tube package.

1. Label Orasure collection tube(s) with the same name/unique identifier used on the test requisition(s).
2. Record the name/unique identifier on the Orasure collection tube/requisition for your records. You will use it to link the specimen to the patient.
3. When ready to ship to the laboratory, place no more than two Orasure collection tubes that are labeled with the same name or unique identifier as used on the test requisition(s), wrapped in absorbent material provided, into aluminum screw-capped can and tighten the cap.
4. Wrap **completed** test requisition(s) around the **outside** of the aluminum can.
5. Place aluminum can with completed test requisition(s) into screw-capped cardboard container and secure tightened cap with tape.
6. Complete and apply return address, Biological Substance label to cardboard container and ship by the most rapid and convenient means available (e.g., courier, bus, U.S. First Class, Priority or Express Mail etc.) to the Lansing laboratory facility.

NOTE: The shipper is responsible for being sure that their package is in compliance with the current shipping regulations.