

Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory
TEST MENU

Bordetella pertussis (Whooping cough), Culture

Method	Culture
CPT Code	87060
Specimen	Nasopharyngeal swab or Nasal wash Other acceptable specimens Sputum or Bronchial aspirate
Collect in	Flexible Dacron or Rayon Nasopharyngeal swab placed in Regan Lowe media or Casamino Acid Solution (available from the laboratory)
Labeling	Label with patient's full name and ID number and date of subculture
Transport	Transport swabs in Casamino Acid within 2 hours of collection swabs in Regan Lowe media within 24 hours. Store and ship at room temperature. DO NOT REFRIGERATE
Sample Rejection	Cough plates or throat swabs are unacceptable Refrigerated specimens Mislabelled/Unlabeled specimen Swabs not in appropriate transport media
Requisition	SNPHL Request Forms Testing is performed only at the request of SNHD Office of Epidemiology
Turn Around Time	9-11 days
Results	Bordetella pertussis isolated or not isolated
Reported	System generated fax; Electronic transmission
Contact	Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory – Microbiology section