Specimen Required: Collect: Body fluid, tissue, or pure isolate of *Candida* species on potato dextrose agar (PDA), sabouraud dextrose agar, sheep blood agar, chocolate agar, or inhibitory mold agar.

Specimen Preparation: Body Fluid: Transfer 1 mL body fluid to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately.

Isolate: Transport sealed container with pure isolate on solid media. Place each specimen in an individually sealed bag.

Storage/Transport Temperature: **Body Fluid or Tissue:** Frozen.

Isolate: Refrigerated.

Remarks: *Candida* species identification is required. Specimen source is required.

Unacceptable Conditions: Plasma or serum. Mixed cultures or isolates other than suspected *Candida* species. *Candida* species identified as *C. dubliniensis*. Isolates with no visible colonies. Isolates plated on Chromagar chromogenic culture media.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Body Fluid:** Ambient: 2 weeks; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 2 weeks

**Tissue:** Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 2 weeks

**Isolate:** Ambient: 1 week; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: Unacceptable

Note: If the *Candida* species is other than *C. albicans*, *C. glabrata*, *C. krusei*, *C. parapsilosis*, and *C. tropicalis*, testing will be canceled. If *Candida* species is not available, order *Candida* Species by PCR with Reflex to FKS Drug Resistance by Sequencing (ARUP test code 2013784). This test may be unsuccessful if the specimen or isolate does not contain *C. albicans*, *C. glabrata*, *C. krusei*, *C. parapsilosis*, *C. tropicalis*, or if multiple *Candida* species are present.