

HOTLINE: Effective February 22, 2022

2013798 Candida Species by PCR

CANDPCR

Specimen Required: Collect: Body fluid, Lavender (K₂ EDTA) or Pink (K₂ EDTA).

Specimen Preparation: Body Fluid: Transfer 1 mL body fluid to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL). Whole Blood: Transfer 2 mL whole blood to a sterile container. (Min: 1 mL).

 $\underline{Storage/Transport\ Temperature:}\ \textbf{Body\ Fluid:}\ Frozen.$

Whole Blood: Refrigerated.

Remarks: Specimen source required.

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Plasma or serum, tissue.

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

Whole Blood: Ambient: 1 week; Refrigerated; 1 week; Frozen: 1 week