

Acanthamoeba PCR Specimen Collection

Contact the microbiology laboratory on 01622 224040 to arrange for collection of 0.5ml sterile saline in a 5 ml vial.

1. Sampling

1.1. Conjunctiva/Corneal Scrape Specimen.

Material from a blade should be rinsed with a small volume of sterile saline into 0.5ml vial of sterile vial. **Please do not leave the blade in as it rusts and can have a detrimental effect on test results.**

The reference laboratory prefer not to receive needles and request that you flush out the eye of the needle with a small volume of sterile saline into the vial provided.

Specimens should be sent directly to the Microbiology department in a sealed specimen bag with an appropriately completed Microbiology request form.

1.2. Contact lens

Place the lens in the vial of sterile saline provided and send directly to the laboratory with an appropriately completed Microbiology request form.

1.3. Contact lens fluid/lens cases

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