

Information to be included

Please send the following samples/isolate as applicable:

1. For all suspected patients:

- 1.a. Throat / oropharyngeal swabs (two), soaked in normal saline to prevent drying up,
- 1.b. Urine sample (15-20 ml) in a tightly screw-capped labelled container sealed with parafilm,
- 1.c. Blood culture bottles (2 bottles) - **BacT/Alert blood culture bottles** (1 set = 2 bottles) if your laboratory is using the same system.

2. For Organ/Site Specific Infections:

- 2.a. CSF (2-3 ml in a labelled sterile container sealed with parafilm) in case of suspected Neuromelioidosis.
- 2.b. Pus/Aspirate – 2-3 ml (from splenic/prostatic/parotid/kidney/other deep organ abscesses) in a labelled sterile container sealed with parafilm.
- 2.c. Wound swab – two (in normal saline to prevent drying up) from any superficial wound, ulcer or collection
- 2.d. Sputum/BAL/ETA - 3-4 ml in sterile container from patients with CAP/Lung cavitory lesions
- 2.e. Bone Marrow - 2-3 ml (in sterile container)
- 2.f. Biopsy Tissue - 1-2 small pieces (in normal saline)

3. For Suspected *Burkholderia pseudomallei* (causative organism for melioidosis) isolate:

- 3.a Please send the isolate/s in **nutrient deep or nutrient agar slant (in duplicate)**, mentioning the sample/organ from where it is derived. If possible, please send a Gram Stain and Culture (Mac Conkey Agar) photograph of the isolate.

Please Note:

- The tubes/containers carrying liquid samples must be sealed adequately, so that there is no spillage during the transport. We have received several samples which got leaked and delivered in soaked parcel - those samples are discarded and could not be processed. This may also give rise to health hazards for the people who are handling the transport and receiving the samples in the lab.
- The samples must be transported with dry ice; please contact suitable courier services for this purpose.
- Please refer to the attached WHO Guidelines for Cat B samples transport, p. 17-22
- Please mention your contact address with email and mobile number **IN THE PACKAGE AS WELL AS INSIDE** for future reference.

You may send the package in the following address:

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