



**G-2B Specimen Submission Form (Sept 2017)**  
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**Place DSHS Bar Code Label Here**

**Section 1. SUBMITTER INFORMATION -- (\*\* REQUIRED)**

Submitter/TPI Number **		Submitter Name **	
NPI Number **		Address **	
City **		State **	Zip Code **
Phone **		Contact	
Fax **		Clinic Code	

**Section 2. PATIENT INFORMATION -- (\*\* REQUIRED)**

NOTE: Patient name is REQUIRED & MUST match name on this form, Medicare/Medicaid card, & specimen container. Specimen must have two (2) identifiers that match this form.

Last Name **		First Name **		MI
Address **			Telephone Number	
City **		State **	Zip Code **	Country of Origin / Bi-National ID # ☉
DOB (mm/dd/yyyy) **	Sex **	SSN	Pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Native Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander		Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Date of Collection ** (REQUIRED)	Time of Collection <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Collected By		
Medical Record #	Alien # / CUI / CDC ID	Previous DSHS Specimen Lab Number		
ICD Diagnosis Code ** (1)	ICD Diagnosis Code ** (2)	ICD Diagnosis Code ** (3)		
Date of Onset ☉	Diagnosis / Symptoms ☉	Risk		
<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Outbreak association: ☉	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance ☉	

**Section 3. SPECIMEN SOURCE OR TYPE -- (\*\*REQUIRED)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal fluid	<input type="checkbox"/> Feces/stool	<input type="checkbox"/> Sputum: Natural
<input type="checkbox"/> Abscess (site) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gastric	<input type="checkbox"/> Throat swab
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesion (site) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tissue (site) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bone marrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Lymph node (site) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Urethral
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronchial washings	<input type="checkbox"/> Nasopharyngeal	<input type="checkbox"/> Urine
<input type="checkbox"/> Cervical	<input type="checkbox"/> Plasma	<input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal
<input type="checkbox"/> CSF	<input type="checkbox"/> Rectal swab	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound (site) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Endocervical	<input type="checkbox"/> Serum	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Eye	<input type="checkbox"/> Sputum: Induced	

**Section 4. PARASITOLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Cryptosporidium/Cyclospora Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Microfilaria Exam @
<input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Ova and Parasite Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsporidia Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Malaria/Blood Parasite Exam @	<input type="checkbox"/> Worm Identification @
<input type="checkbox"/> Schistosoma/Urine Parasite Exam @	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

**Section 5. BACTERIOLOGY**

<u>Clinical specimen:</u>		<u>Definitive Identification:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aerobic isolation	<input type="checkbox"/> Anaerobic isolation	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacillus	<input type="checkbox"/> Campylobacter
<input type="checkbox"/> Culture, stool	<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria Screen	<input type="checkbox"/> Enteric Bacteria	
<input type="checkbox"/> GC/CT, amplified RNA probe	<input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilus, isolation	<input type="checkbox"/> Gram Negative Rod	
<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic shock syndrome toxin I assay (TSST 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pure culture:	<input type="checkbox"/> Gram Positive Rod	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anaerobic identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Organism suspected: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Group B Streptococcus (Beta Strep)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Legionella	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Neisseria	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis / Bordetella	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Staphylococcus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Streptococcus	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Section 6. ORDERING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION -- (\*\* REQUIRED)**

Ordering Physician's NPI Number **	Ordering Physician's Name **
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**Section 7. PAYOR SOURCE -- (REQUIRED)**

- Reflex testing will be performed when necessary and the appropriate party will be billed.
- If the patient does not meet program eligibility requirements for the test requested and no third party payor will cover the testing, **the submitter will be billed.**
- Medicare generally does not pay for screening tests-please refer to applicable Third party payor guidelines for instructions regarding covered tests, benefit limitations, medical necessity determinations and Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) requirements.
- If Medicaid or Medicare is indicated, the Medicaid/Medicare number is required. Please **write** it in the space provided below.
- If private insurance is indicated, the required billing information below is designated with an asterisk (\*).
- Check only one box** below to indicate whether we should bill the submitter, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, or DSHS Program.

Medicaid (2)  Medicare (8)

Medicaid/Medicare #:

<input type="checkbox"/> Submitter (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance (4)
<input type="checkbox"/> BIDS (1720)	<input type="checkbox"/> TIPP (5144)
<input type="checkbox"/> BT Grant (1719)	<input type="checkbox"/> Title X (12)
<input type="checkbox"/> HIV / STD (1608)	<input type="checkbox"/> Title XX (13)
<input type="checkbox"/> IDEAS (1610)	<input type="checkbox"/> TX CLPPP (9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunizations (1609)	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoonosis (1620)
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> TB Elimination (1619)	

HMO / Managed Care / Insurance Company Name \*

Address \*

City \* State \* Zip Code \*

Responsible Party \*

Insurance Phone Number \* Responsible Party's Insurance ID Number \*

Group Name Group Number

"I hereby authorize the release of information related to the services described here and hereby assign any benefits to which I am entitled to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Laboratory Services Section."  
**Signature of patient or responsible party.**

**Section 8. MOLECULAR STUDIES**

Signature \* Date \*

PCR:  Bordetella Pertussis, Parapertussis, and Bordetella holmesii detection, real-time  PFGE for:  Other:

Cyclospora Identification

Malaria identification

Norovirus

**Section 9. REQUIRED/REQUESTED SUBMISSIONS**

Corynebacterium diphtheriae ☉

E. coli O157 or other STEC serotypes ☉

EHEC, shiga-like toxin assay (Shigatoxin-producing Escherichia coli) ☉

Haemophilus influenza (from sterile sites and <5 years old) ☉

Listeria ☉

Neisseria meningitidis (from sterile sites or purpuric lesions) ☉

Outbreak stool culture ☉

Salmonella ☉

Shigella ☉

Staphylococcus aureus (VISA/VRSA) ☉

Streptococcus pneumoniae (from sterile sites and <5 years old) ☉

Vibrio cholera ☉

Vibrio sp. ☉

NOTES: All dates must be entered in mm/dd/yyyy format For culture ID or typing, please provide biochemical reactions on reverse side of form or attach copy of biochemistry printout. Each test section (ex. Bacteriology) requires a separate form and specimen. Please see the form's instructions for details on how to complete this form. Visit our web site at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>.  
 @ = Provide patient history on reverse side of form to avoid delay of specimen processing. ☉ = All fields indicated in Section 2 must be completed, if available.

**FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY:**

Specimen Received:  Room Temp.  Cold  Frozen

## G-2B Specimen Submission Form Instructions

For mailing and specimen packaging information, visit DSHS Laboratory Services Section’s web page at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>.

The specimen submission form **must** accompany each specimen.  
 The patient’s name listed on the specimen **must** match the patient’s name listed on the form.  
 Specimen must have two (2) identifiers that match this form.  
 If the Date of Collection field is not completed or is inaccurate, the specimen will be rejected.

**Place DSHS Bar Code Label Here:** Place the specimen bar code label that will be used to identify and track the specimen in the DSHS laboratory information management system (LIMS). If you are performing remote entry, place DSHS LIMS specimen bar code label here.

Acceptable identifiers are listed below:

<u>List of Acceptable Identifiers</u> (2 identifiers are required to make a positive ID)	<u>Identifier Type</u> (Patient Name + at least 1 secondary ID)
<b>Patient Name</b> (last name, first name)	Primary ( <b>required</b> )
<b>Date of Birth</b>	Secondary ( <b>preferred</b> )
<b>Medical Record Number</b>	Secondary
<b>Social Security Number</b>	Secondary
<b>Medicaid Number</b>	Secondary
<b>Newborn Screening Kit Number</b>	Secondary
<b>CDC Number</b>	Secondary

### Section 1. SUBMITTER INFORMATION

All submitter information that is required is marked with double asterisks (\*\*).

**Submitter/TPI number, Submitter name and Address:** The submitter number is a unique number that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory Services Section assigns to each of our submitters. To obtain a Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) number, contact Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) at 1-800-925-9126.

To request a DSHS Laboratory Services Section submitter number, a master form, or to update submitter information, please call (888) 963-7111 x7578 or (512) 776-7578, or fax (512) 776-7533 or visit [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/mrs\\_forms.shtm#email](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/mrs_forms.shtm#email).

**NPI Number:** Indicate the facility’s 10-digit NPI number. All health care providers must use the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. To obtain an NPI number, contact the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) toll free at (800) 465-3203 or via their web site at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>.

Indicate the submitter’s name, address, city, state, and zip code. Please print clearly, use a pre-printed label, or use a legible photocopy of a master form provided by the Laboratory Services Section.

**Contact Information:** Indicate the name, telephone number, and fax number of the person to contact at the submitting facility in case the laboratory needs additional information about the specimen/isolate.

**Clinic Code:** Please provide, if applicable. This is a code that the submitter furnishes to help them identify which satellite office submits a specimen and to help the submitter identify where the lab report belongs, if the submitter has a primary mailing address with satellite offices.

### Section 2. PATIENT INFORMATION

Complete all patient information including date of collection, time of collection, previous DSHS specimen lab number, last name, first name, middle initial, address, city, state, zip code, country of origin, telephone number, date of birth (DOB), date and time of collection, collected by, sex, social security number (SSN), pregnant, race, ethnicity, medical record number, ICD diagnosis code, date of onset, diagnosis/symptoms, risk, and mark either inpatient/outpatient, outbreak association, and/or surveillance.

NOTE: The patient’s name listed on the specimen **must** match the patient’s name listed on the form.

All specimens must be labeled with at least two patient specific identifiers; both a primary and a secondary identifier. The identifiers must appear on both the primary specimen container (or card) and the associated submission form. Specimens that do not meet this criteria **will be considered unsatisfactory** for testing.

Information that is required to bill Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance has been marked with double asterisks (\*\*). These fields must be completed. You may use a pre-printed patient label.

**Patient Name:** If patient is covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or Private Insurance, the name on the specimen form and specimen must match the name on the Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance card, respectively.

**Date of birth (DOB):** Please list the date of birth. If the date of birth is not provided, the specimen may be rejected.

**Pregnant:** Indicate if female patient is pregnant by marking either Yes, No, or Unknown.

**Date of Collection/Time of Collection:** Indicate the date and time the specimen was collected from the patient or other source. Do not give the date the specimen was sent to DSHS. **IMPORTANT: If the Date of Collection field is not completed or is inaccurate, the specimen will be rejected.**

**Collected By:** Clearly indicate the individual who collected the specimen.

**Medical Record # / Alien # / CUI:** Provide the identification number for matching purposes. CUI is the Clinic Unique Identifier number.

**Previous DSHS Specimen Lab Number:** If this patient has had a previous specimen submitted to the DSHS Laboratory, please provide the DSHS specimen lab number.

**ICD Diagnosis Code(s), Country of Origin, Date of Onset, Diagnosis/Symptoms, and Risk (if applicable):** Indicate the diagnosis code or findings that would help in processing, identifying, and billing of this specimen/isolate. If the patient’s country of origin is not the U.S., then please provide the patient’s country of origin.

**Inpatient or Outpatient (if applicable):** Indicate if the patient is currently admitted to a hospital (required for TB patients).

**Outbreak/Surveillance (if applicable):** Tell us whether the specimen/isolate is part of an outbreak or cluster, or if the specimen is for routine surveillance. If the specimen is being submitted because of an outbreak, write in the associated name of the outbreak next to the outbreak box.

### Section 3. SPECIMEN SOURCE OR TYPE

**Specimen Source or Type:** Indicate the kind of material you are submitting or the source of the specimen or isolate.

For specimens other than those listed, check the "Other" box and write in the site and source selected from the TB Elimination Division's list of Anatomic Sites and Corresponding Specimen Sources, which can be obtained from your local or regional health department.

### TEST

**Test Requested:** You **MUST** check or specify the specific test(s) to be performed by the DSHS Laboratory Services Section. Each test block requires a separate form AND a separate specimen. Examples of separate blocks are "Bacteriology" or "Parasitology". For specific test instructions, see the Laboratory Services Section's web site at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>. To cancel a test that is marked in error on the form, mark one line through the test name, write "error", and initial.

#### Section 4. PARASITOLOGY

Please indicate the suspected organism for any test that is not a routine fecal O&P (ova and parasite). A brief patient history is requested on tests marked with the "@" symbol. Please notify the Medical Parasitology Team at 512-776-7560 before submitting unusual specimens, to receive proper handling instructions.

#### Section 5. BACTERIOLOGY

**Gonorrhea (GC)/Chlamydia:** Please follow the instructions listed below when submitting *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Chlamydia trachomatis* specimens.

Under the "Bacteriology" section of the form:

1. Under "Clinical specimens:"
  - a. Check the box marked "Gonorrhea culture", if the specimen is a clinical sample submitted on a transport media such as Remel Transgrow, Remel GC transport media, GemBec Plates, etc.
  - b. Check the box marked "GC/CT, amplified RNA probe" if submitting for APTIMA testing.
2. Under "Pure cultures:"
  - a. If *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is isolated and a pure culture is being submitted, please check the box "Neisseria" or attach a copy of any lab work performed at your facility.

#### Section 8. MOLECULAR STUDIES

**PCR for: / PFGE for:** Write the name of the organism requested for testing.

**Other:** Write any other special test request.

For special test requests, contact Molecular Biology at (888) 963-7111 x7735 or (512) 776-7735 prior to submitting specimens.

#### Section 9. REQUIRED/REQUESTED SUBMISSIONS

Use this section for submitting specimens required by Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §97.3 (a) (4) or requested for outbreak investigation<sup>1</sup>. Check appropriate DSHS Program IDEAS or Immunizations under Payor Source. Please attach a copy of results or write ID method on back of G-2B specimen submission form.

#### Section 6. ORDERING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

**Ordering Physician's Name and NPI Number:** Give the name of the physician and the physician's NPI number. **This information is required to bill Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance.**

#### Section 7. PAYOR SOURCE

**THE SUBMITTER WILL BE BILLED**, if the required billing information is not provided, is inaccurate, or if multiple payor boxes are checked.

**Indicate the party that will receive the bill by marking only one box.**

**Please do not use this form for THSteps or medical check-ups; use the G-THSTEPS form.**

If selecting Medicaid or Medicare:

- Mark the appropriate box.
- Write in the Medicaid or Medicare number.
- If the patient name on the form does not match the name on the Medicaid/Medicare card, the submitter will be billed.
- Patient's DOB and address must be provided.

If selecting Private Insurance:

- Mark the appropriate box.
- Complete all fields on the form that have an asterisk (\*).
- If the private insurance information is not provided on the specimen form or is inaccurate, the submitter will be billed.
- Patient's DOB and address must be provided.

If selecting a DSHS Program:

- If you are contracting and/or approved by a DSHS program to provide services that require laboratory testing, please indicate which program. For program descriptions, see the Laboratory Services Section's web site at [http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/prog\\_desc.htm](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/prog_desc.htm).
- **Do NOT check a DSHS program as a Payor Source if the patient has Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance.**
- For BIDS (Border & Infectious Disease Surveillance), CLPPP or IDEAS, check the appropriate box. Please check the "Other" box and list the program's name in the space provided if necessary.

**HMO / Managed Care / Insurance Company:** Print the name, address, city, state, and zip code of the insurance company to be billed. If all insurance information is not provided on the specimen form, the submitter will be billed. **NOTE:** The DSHS laboratories are not an in-network CHIP or CHIP Perinate provider. If CHIP or CHIP Perinate is indicated, the submitter will be billed.

**Responsible Party:** Print the Last Name, First Name of the responsible party, the insurance ID number, insurance company's phone number, group name, and group number.

**Signature and Date:** Have the responsible party sign and date to authorize the release of their information, if DSHS is to bill their insurance or HMO.

#### REFLEX & REFERENCE TESTING:

Please note that additional testing procedures (i.e., reflex testing) will be performed when necessary and clinically indicated by the initial lab test results. Reflex testing will be billed to the appropriate payor in addition to the original test requested. This is particularly applicable to microbiology testing and other laboratory testing requiring confirmation or further diagnostic work.

All reference tests will be billed to the submitter at the prevailing reference laboratory's price with the addition of a handling fee.

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For specific test instructions and information about tube types, see the Laboratory Services Section's web site at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>.

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<sup>i</sup> Note that other required isolates are included on the G-27A Specimen Submission Form.