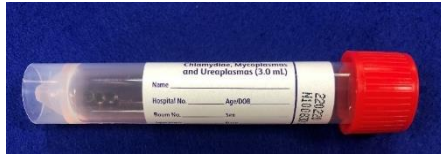


Beebe Healthcare Laboratory provides a collection kit containing one swab and a universal transport medium for the collection of Monkeypox (Orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR test. If additional testing, including HSV and /or VZV, is ordered then a separate specimen must be collected. **Do not submit specimens for viral culture if monkeypox is suspected.**



HOW TO ORDER AN OUTPATIENT TEST

-Submit sample and laboratory requisition form, with **Labcorp test code 140230 Monkeypox (Orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR.**

-The tube label must include two unique patient identifiers such as name and date of birth and be placed in biohazard bag. Patient demographics and insurance information should be provided.

HOW TO ORDER AN INPATIENT TEST

-Submit sample and order in Cerner as a miscellaneous reference lab test. (**Labcorp test code 140230 Monkeypox (Orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR.**)

-The tube label must include two unique patient identifiers such as name and date of birth and be placed in biohazard bag.

HOW TO COLLECT

If multiple lesions with differing appearances are present, consider submitting additional swabs for each lesion. Use appropriate personal protective equipment to collect specimens.

1. Take the swabs out of its package. Do not touch the tip of the swab with your hands.
2. Screw off the top of the transport medium tube. Hold swab in one hand and collection tube in the other. Take care not to touch the swab to any surface other than the point of collection
3. Vigorously swab or brush the base of the lesion with the swab.
4. Insert the swab into the universal or viral transport medium and break off the end of the swab, if required, to tightly close the sample. Screw the top of the collection tube back on. Ensure the outside bag is sealed. Samples must be refrigerated. Room temperature swabs are not accepted.

For more information call Beebe Healthcare Laboratory Specimen Processing at 302-645-3241.