

Instructions for Collecting Pancreatic Cyst Samples for PancreaSeq®

Instructions for storage of collection vials *prior to* specimen collection:

Preservative solution is light sensitive, always store vials in a dark place and at room temperature (+15 to +25°C) until expiration date.

Note: If any crystallization forms inside the collection vial or if the preservative solution turns yellow, appropriately discard the tube and collect the specimen using another collection tube.

Instructions for collecting a pancreatic cyst sample for PancreaSeq® testing:

1. Take one vial containing 600µl of stabilization fluid and clearly mark the vial with a typed label containing at least two patient identifiers.
2. Place the pancreatic cyst fluid sample (200-600µl) into the vial.
3. After collection, secure the tube cap and invert several times to mix the collected sample.
4. Store the collected sample as follows:
 - No longer than 3 hours at room temperature (+15 to +25°C)
 - No longer than 24 hours at +2 to +8°C, i.e. in a refrigerator
 - Up to 12 months at -15 to -25°C, i.e. in a freezer

Instructions for shipping a collected pancreatic cyst sample for PancreaSeq® testing:

1. Ensure that all collection vials are labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers.
2. Ship with ice packs by overnight delivery. Shipping with dry ice is recommended for multiple tubes and when a delay in shipment is possible.
3. Include the completed test requisition form and either the cytology or endoscopy report.

Caution: Stabilization solution contains Guanidinium thiocyanate. Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin, and if swallowed.

For questions and to order more supplies please contact the MGP lab at 1.412.864.6162 or upmcmgplab@upmc.edu.