Specimen collection and transport Microbiology tutorial

Date Time Venue

Describe how you would collect, transport and store below mentioned samples for microbiological investigations in following situations.

Viral studies

- 1. Respiratory specimens in a patient suspected of having influenza virus infection
- 2. Stool sample in a patient with acute flaccid paralysis/ gastroenteritis
- 3. Vesicular fluid in a patient suspected of herpes virus infection
- 4. CSF sample in a patient with encephalitis
- 5. Blood sample for serology

Bacterial culture/ Microscopy

- 1. CSF sample for culture in a patient with bacterial meningitis
- 2. Blood sample for culture in a patient with sepsis
- 3. Pus sample for culture from an abscess
- 4. Urine sample for culture in a patient with UTI
- 5. Sputum sample in a patient suspected of having pulmonary tuberculosis

Fungal studies

- 1. Nail/skin/ hair sample in a patient with superficial fungal infection
- 2. Tissue biopsy for a deep fungal infection