

# Specimen Collection Guide - Glossary of Abbreviations

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**Glossary of Abbreviations**

ACD	Acid Citrate Dextrose	GAS	Group A Streptococcus
AFB	Acid Fast Bacilli	GC	Neisseria gonorrhoeae
AMTD	Amplified Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Direct	GL	Gastric Lavage
BAL	Broncho-Alveolar Lavage	HAV	Hepatitis A Virus
BL-S	Blood-Serum (Collection Kit)	HBc	Hepatitis B core
BT	BioTerrorism	HBeAg	Hepatitis B, e antigen
BV	Bacterial Vaginosis	HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen
CATT	Card Agglutination Trypanosomiasis Test	HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
CB	Clinical Bacteriology	HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
CDC	Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, (Atlanta)	HHV6	Human Herpes Virus Type 6
CF	Complement Fixation	HIN	Health Insurance Number
CJD	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
CLIA	Chemiluminescence Immunassay	HPLC	High Pressure Liquid Chromatography
CMV	CytoMegalovirus	HPV	Human Papillomavirus
CSF	CerebroSpinal Fluid	HSC	Hospital for Sick Children
CT	Chlamydia trachomatis	HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus
DF	DarkField	HTLV	Human T Cell Lymphotropic Virus
DFA	Direct Fluorescent Antibody	HUS	Haemolytic Uremic Syndrome
DIF	Direct Immunofluorescence	HZV	Herpes Zoster Virus
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid	ICT	Immunochromatographic Test
EA	Early Antigen	IFA	Immune Fluorescent Antibody
EBNA	Epstein Barr Nuclear Antigen	IgG	Immuno Globulin G
EBV	Epstein Barr Virus	IgM	Immuno Globulin M
ECM	Erythema Chronicum Migrans	IHA	Immuno Heme Absorption
EDTA	Ethylene diamino-tetra acetate (anticoagulant)	IVF	In-Vitro Fertilization
EIA	Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay	LLIS	Laboratory Licensing Inspection Service
EM	Electron Microscopy	MAC	Mycobacterium Avium Complex
ESBL	Extended Spectrum beta Lactamase	MEIA	Microparticle Enzyme Immunoassay
FTA-Abs	Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody – Absorption	MIC	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration

MIFA	Micro Immuno Fluorescent Antibody	SST	Serum Separator Tube
MOH	Medical Officer of Health	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
MP	Mycoplasma pneumoniae	TB	Tuberculosis
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus	TORCH	Toxoplasma, Rubella, Cytomegalovirus, Herpes Simplex
NAA	Nucleic Acid Amplification	TSS	Toxic Shock Syndrome
NAAT	Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing	TP.PA	Treponema pallidum Particle Agglutination
NGU	Non-gonococcal Urethritis	VCA	Viral Capsid Antigen
NIH	National Institute of Health	VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratories
NML	National Microbiology Laboratory (formerly LCDC)	VHS	Viral Hemorrhagic Syndrome
NTM	Non-tuberculous Mycobacteria	VRE	Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci
O&P	Ova and Parasite	VTM	Viral Transport Media
OPHL	Ontario Public Health Laboratory	VZV	Varicella-zoster Virus
p24 Ag	p24 Antigen	WB	Whole Blood
PAME	Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis	WRAPS	West Nile / Rubella (diagnostic) / Arbovirus / Parvovirus / SARS serology
PCP	Pneumocystis carinii Pneumonia		
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction		
PFGE	Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis		
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease		
PKU	Phenylketonuria		
PPD	Purified Protein Derivative		
PPT	Plasma Preparation Tube		
PWO	Pinworm Outfit		
QMP-LS	Quality Management Program – Laboratory Services		
Ref. ID	Reference Identification		
RFFIT	Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test		
RNA	Ribonucleic Acid		
RPR	Rapid Plasma Reagin – screen testing Syphilis		
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus		
SAF	Sodium Acetate Acetic Acid Formalin		
SSPE	Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis		