

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation**BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES****Guidelines for Submission of OraSure® Collection Devices for HIV-1 Antibody Screening and Confirmation**

The Florida Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL), Jacksonville, offers HIV-1 antibody screening and confirmation testing services for the OraSure Collection Device, manufactured by OraSure Technologies Inc. This alternative specimen type is appropriate for detecting antibodies to HIV-1 in persons with suspected established (non-acute disease stage) HIV-1 infections. This specimen collection device is NOT suggested for suspect HIV-2 infections.

- Collected OraSure specimens may be stored at 2°– 37°C for a maximum of 21 days (including time for shipping and testing). Despite the substantial storage limit, we recommend sending OraSure specimens within 3-4 days post-collection to allow for laboratory testing and reporting prior to the patient's scheduled follow up visit.
- Specimen must be labeled with **at least two unique patient identifiers** (first and last name, unique ID# or DOB) and **the date of collection**. A single unique ID is acceptable for anonymous testing only. Electronic lab order preferred, HMS, etc. **Information on the specimen must match the requisition.**
- OraSure specimens may be shipped overnight, 2-day delivery or hand-delivered Monday-Friday at ambient temperature or on cold packs.
- Each OraSure Collection Device has an expiration date, displayed as "year (xxxx)/month (xx)". Please make sure the device has NOT expired prior to use. Expired devices cannot be tested at the BPHL.
- OraSure HIV-1 antibody testing may be electronically ordered through HMS or the DOH HIV portal (MOVE IT), test order #0520

Should you need additional information or clarification please contact Ms. Imelda Ignacio-Hernando at (904) 791-1531, or Mr. Berry Bennett at (904) 791-1527.

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