

Laboratory Services

Sampling Guidelines for Antibiotic Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

This document is applicable at site(s): **All Sites**

DRUG	DOSE	SPECIMEN	ORDER ON REQUISITION	SAMPLING TIMES	NOTES
Gentamicin and Tobramycin	Extended Interval (7 mg/kg/dose)	8 hour interval * (recommended)	INTERVAL - 8 h	7.0 – 9.0 hours after START of infusion	DO NOT collect < 6.0 hours or >14.0 hours after START of infusion. Result will be uninterpretable.
		OR 6 -14 hour level *	OTHER	6.0 – 7.0 or 9.0 -14.0 hours after START of infusion	
	Conventional (1.5 – 2.0 mg/kg/dose)	Pre (trough)	PRE (trough)	0 - 30 minutes before START of third infusion dose of particular regimen	DO NOT collect DURING infusion.
		AND Post (peak)	POST (0.5 -1.0 h after dose end)	30 – 60 minutes after END of third infusion dose of a particular regimen	DO NOT collect sooner than 30 minutes after END of infusion. Result will be uninterpretable.
Vancomycin		Pre (trough)	PRE (trough)	0 - 30 minutes before START of third infusion dose of a particular regimen.	DO NOT collect DURING infusion

Notes:

- 1. USE ROUTINE REQUISTION ONLY. DO NOT USE STAT REQUISITION.
- 2. Complete ALL dosing information on requisition.
- 3. DO NOT request interval specimens as "post-dose".

*Interpret in conjunction with Hartford Nomogram (Laboratory Bulletin, 2005, Volume 10 No. 5: "Extended Interval Dosing Guidelines – Revised Version).