



# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY Public Health Laboratory

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## **SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS**

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### **Blood and Smears for Parasitological Examination**

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#### **SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION:**

1. A minimum of four (4) thick and four (4) thin smears. DO NOT FIX
2. The original positive smears(s) made in hematology should be sent along with any other stained smears you may have for the patient.
3. The original EDTA tube with the draw time marked on the tube as well as the date and patient's name.
4. Optimally, the above should be delivered to the Public Health Laboratory on the same day it is collected
5. If there is a delay in transport, refrigerate the blood smear(s) and deliver as quickly as possible to the Public Health Laboratory.