

COLLECTION AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Neonatal Allo-Immune Thrombocytopenia

Contact the Platelet Immunology Laboratory at 204-789-1152:

- Prior to blood collection if the patient has received IVIG or ATG within the last 4 weeks
- Prior to shipping samples so that information may be obtained in order to assess the priority of the requested investigation.

Collection Instructions

Complete Platelet Immunology Requisition (PI100) with the following information:

- Last name, First name
- Unique patient identification number
- Date of Birth
- Phlebotomist ID
- Date/Time of collection
- Name, address, contact number of individual to whom the report will be sent
- Separate requisitions are required for maternal, paternal or neonatal samples
- Maternal name and PHIN for paternal and neonatal samples.

Label Samples with the following information which exactly matches the information on the requisition:

- Last name, First name
- Unique patient identification number (preferably the provincial health identification number)
- Date of Collection

Samples Required:

Maternal

1 X 10 mL SST serum
3 X 5 mL EDTA

Paternal

5 X 5 mL EDTA

Neonatal

1 X 1 mL EDTA

Shipping Instructions

Sample Packing Criteria:

- Ship all samples with an ice pack (gel pack stored at 2° - 8° C may be used for refrigerated samples)
- DO NOT open EDTA samples
- Store samples in refrigerator if unable to ship within 24 hours of collection. Refrigerated samples must arrive within 48 hours of collection.
OR
- If unable to ship within 48 hours of collection; separate and freeze SERUM sample only.

**** Paternal samples for platelet crossmatching against maternal serum must arrive within 72 hours of collection (preferably 48 hours)****

Shipping Criteria:

- Fax shipping information (way bill #) to 204-789-1186. Indicate the patient name and type of investigation.
- Send by overnight courier to:
Platelet Immunology Laboratory
Canadian Blood Services – Winnipeg Centre
777 William Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3E 3R4