

COLLECTION AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Platelet Allo-Immunization Investigation

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

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:

- 1 X 10 mL SST serum
- 5 X 5 mL EDTA (Required for all initial workups performed by Platelet Immunology Lab. Rescreens do not require EDTA samples to be drawn).
- For **pediatric patients** contact the Platelet Immunology Lab for minimum sample requirements

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.

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