

Specimen Collection, Storing & Shipping



SHIP SAME DAY OF DRAW (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

Samples for up to six (6) patients may be included in one Shipping Container if all samples are collected within 24 hours and refrigerated at 2-8°C (35-46°F).

STEP 1 FREEZE ICEPACKS 24 HOURS PRIOR TO COLLECTING SAMPLES

STEP 2 COMPLETE TEST REQUISITION FOR EACH PATIENT

- Test Requisition must be completed by a healthcare provider.
- Ensure all Patient Risk Factors and appropriate ICD-10 codes are completed.
 - If Test Requisition is not completed in its entirety, samples will be held and subject to rejection.
 - Attach copy of insurance card (front and back).

STEP 3 COLLECT BLOOD SAMPLES

(1 SST and 1 EDTA are required per patient)

1. Collect 1 SST Tube (8.5 mL). Gently invert SST tube 5 times to mix blood thoroughly with clot activator.
2. Collect 1 EDTA Tube (4 mL). Gently invert 8-10 times.
3. Label both SST and EDTA tubes with patient name, date of birth, and date/ time of collection.
4. For SST Tube only: Allow SST Tube blood to clot for 30-45 minutes in a vertical position at room temperature. Centrifuge at full speed for 15 minutes. Document Centrifuge Time on Test Requisition.

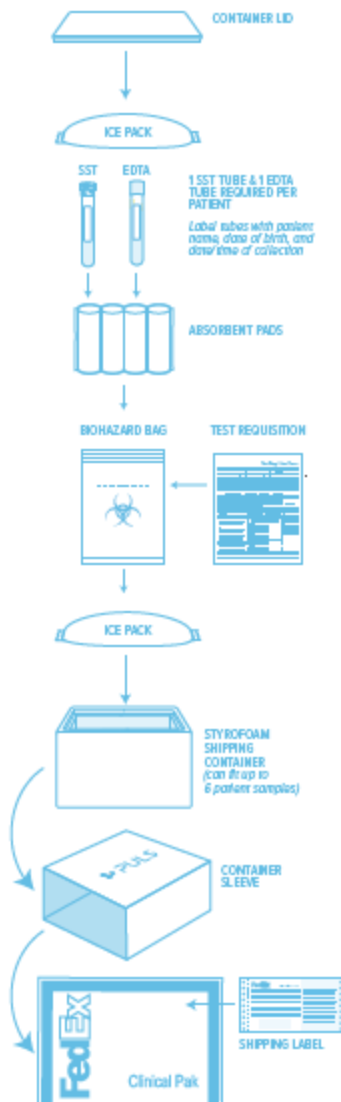
IMPORTANT: Do not centrifuge immediately after drawing blood. Allow the blood to clot in an upright position for at least 20 minutes, but not longer than 90 minutes, before centrifugation. Centrifuge for at least 15 minutes at 2200-2500 RPM. Following centrifugation, the gel should be intact and the cells and serum should be completely separated.

STEP 4 PREPARE SPECIMENS IN TRANSPORT KIT

Container may hold sample for up to 6 patients (12 tubes).

1. Insert specimen tubes into the Absorbent Pads.
2. Place Absorbent Pads in Biohazard Bags and seal closed.
3. Fold Test Requisition forms with attached copies of insurance cards, and insert in front pocket of Biohazard Bags.
4. Place Biohazard Bags between 2 frozen Ice packs and place in a Styrofoam Shipping Container.
5. Place lid on top of Styrofoam Shipping Container to close.
6. Slide Container Sleeve over Styrofoam Shipping Container, and insert container into Clinical Pak.
7. Affix provided GD Biosciences Shipping Label on Clinical Pak. Seal Clinical Pak closed.
8. Call 1.800.GoFedEx to schedule a pick-up or drop off package at a FedEx location.

Note: Must call FedEx 4 hrs in advance to schedule pick-up.



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