

Blood Collection Kit Guidelines



PCR Kit contains:

- 2 Yellow top (ACD solution A) blood collection tubes
- 1 Specimen mailer

After collecting whole blood and inverting gently to mix, be sure to label all tubes with the date of collection and a minimum of two patient identifiers including the patient name, date of birth exactly as they appear on the test requisition form. Do not centrifuge. Slide both labeled tubes into the slots of the specimen mailer, then fold and insert the end to close. The specimen is stable at room temperature for 48 hours.

PCR/ELISA Kit contains:

- 2 Yellow top (ACD solution A) blood collection tubes
- 1 Serum separator tube, centrifuged
- 1 Specimen mailer

After collecting whole blood, invert gently to mix the contents of the yellow top tubes only. After collecting the serum separator tube, do not invert. Allow it to clot at room temperature for 30 minutes and centrifuge the serum separator tube only. Be sure to label all tubes with the date of collection and a minimum of two patient identifiers including the patient name, date of birth exactly as they appear on the test requisition form. Slide all labeled tubes into the slots of the specimen mailer, then fold and insert the end to close. The specimen is stable at room temperature for 48 hours.



ELISA Only Kit contains:

- 1 Serum separator tube, centrifuged
- 1 Specimen mailer

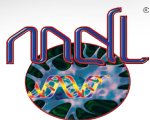
After collecting the serum separator tube, do not invert. Allow it to clot at room temperature for 30 minutes and centrifuge. Be sure to label with the date of collection and a minimum of two patient identifiers including the patient name, date of birth exactly as they appear on the test requisition form. Slide the labeled tube into the slot of the specimen mailer, then fold and insert the end to close. The specimen is stable at room temperature for 48 hours.



Western Blot Kit contains:

- 1 Serum separator tube, centrifuged
- 1 Transfer vial
- 1 Styrofoam mailer with cold pack

After collecting the serum separator tube, do not invert. Allow it to clot at room temperature for 30 minutes and centrifuge. You may also pour off the serum into the transfer vial. Be sure to label with the date of collection and a minimum of two patient identifiers including the patient name, date of birth exactly as they appear on the test requisition form. Place the labeled tube(s) into the Styrofoam container with a precooled cold pack. The specimen is stable at room temperature for 48 hours.



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