

REQUEST FOR DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

See reverse for detailed information on specimen collection and transportation requirements

REFERRED INDIVIDUAL'S DETAILS (Minimum 3 identifiers required)

Surname / Name Code		Given Names			UR Number	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Date and Time of Death (if applicable)			Gender M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>		Pregnant? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

SENDER'S DETAILS

Requested by (block letters)	Name & Address for Reports
Telephone Number	
Request Date	Copy to

SAMPLE DETAILS

Sender Reference	Sample Type	Collection Date
Circulating Blood <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Circulating Blood <input type="checkbox"/>	Collected within 24 hours of death (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>	Collection Time
Previous NRL Z Number	Clinical Notes / Sender's Results	Freeze Date
		Freeze Temperature

TESTS REQUESTED

Signature	Date:
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Specimen Enquiries: +61 3 9418 1111

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SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

Analyte	Minimum Specimen Requirements (Minimum of 3 unique identifiers required on specimen tube)
HCV HTLV-I/II HIV-1/2 HBV <i>Treponema pallidum</i>	<p>Living or on life support Minimum of 1mL serum or plasma. Transport on cold packs to arrive at the NRL as soon as possible following collection, but within 7 days. Refrigerate during transit. If unable to transport within 7 days of collection, freeze at $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ and transport on dry ice.</p> <p>Deceased Samples should be collected within 24 hours of death.</p>
HIV RNA HCV RNA HBV DNA	<p>Living or on life support 5 - 10mL Whole blood collected into EDTA CPD, or BD-PPT should arrive within 72hrs of collection. Transport on cold packs; Minimum of 1mL Plasma collected in EDTA CPD, or BD-PPT centrifuged, separated within 72hrs of collection and stored at 2 - 8°C, should arrive within 12 days of collection. Transport on cold packs; Minimum of 1mL EDTA CPD, or BD-PPT frozen plasma ($\leq -18^{\circ}\text{C}$) should arrive within 3 weeks of collection. Transport on dry ice.</p> <p>Deceased 5 - 10mL whole blood collected into tubes containing EDTA should arrive within 72hrs of collection. Transport on cold packs. 1mL frozen plasma ($\leq -18^{\circ}\text{C}$) should arrive within 1 week of collection. Transport on dry ice. Samples should be collected within 24 hours of death.</p>
HTLV DNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $\leq 4\text{mL}$ of Whole Blood collected in EDTA and transported at ambient temperature ($15 - 25^{\circ}\text{C}$) within 7 days of post collection. • $\leq 4\text{mL}$ of Whole Blood collected in CPT and centrifuged according to tube manufacturer's IFU. Centrifuged tubes should be stored and transported chilled and, on their sides, to be received within 7 days of collection. • A minimum of 200μL of Buffy Coat, PMBC (resuspended in 100μL of PBS per 1mL of whole blood processed), transported frozen on dry ice post collection. For cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL) samples, please contact NRL for further information.

Packaging

Specimens that are sent by airfreight must comply with the following conditions:

- a) The sample should be packed and shipped in accordance with the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulation.
- b) For the specimens referred from outside Australia, a copy of the NRL import permit and customs declaration should be attached to the parcel. A copy of the import permit and customs declaration template will be faxed on request.
- c) The parcel should be addressed to:

Dr Philippa Hetzel Director
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Packages should not arrive outside standard business hours without prior arrangement.