

Specimen Collection Instructions – Blood

Carrier Genetics



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The patient's identity should be verified with the identity on the requisition form by checking two of the following:

1.
 - A. Patient's Name
 - B. Birth Date
 - C. Social Security Number
 - D. Medical Record Number
2. For DNA analyses (Carrier Genetics), please indicate patient ethnicity.
3. Collect blood in provided EDTA tube. At least 1ml is needed for testing. All tubes must be gently inverted 10 times end-to-end immediately after collection.
4. Use proper containers for collection. Blood specimens received in any anticoagulant or preservative other than EDTA will be rejected.
5. Do not decant specimens from one type of container into another.
6. Each sample should contain a label with the patient's name, date of birth, and the date of collection.
7. Place tube in specimen bag, and place in cooler for shipping.
8. Blood samples for DNA analysis should be shipped as soon as possible. If shipped the same day as collection, specimens can be sent ambient. If a delay in shipping is necessary refrigeration at 2-8°C is recommended. Do not freeze any sample. Samples should be received at the laboratory within 7 days.

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