

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 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 sample will not arrive within 7 days of collection, freeze and transport on dry ice.</p> <p>Deceased Contact Specimen Enquiries for further information</p>
HIV RNA HCV RNA HBV DNA	<p>Living or on life support 5 - 10mL whole blood collected into EDTA or CPD should arrive within 72hrs of collection. Transport on cold packs; Minimum of 1mL EDTA or CPD plasma separated and stored at 2 - 8°C should arrive within 72 hours of collection. Transport on cold packs; Minimum of 1mL EDTA 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 72 hours stored at 2 - 8°C. Transport on cold packs. 1mL frozen plasma ($\leq -18^{\circ}\text{C}$) should arrive within 1 week of collection. Transport on dry ice.</p>
HTLV DNA	Contact Specimen Enquiries 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
NRL
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Packages should not arrive outside standard business hours without prior arrangement.