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Purpose

This procedure ensures the proper transport of certain specimens to the Regional Reference Laboratories (RRL) using the yellow plastic bag called **Multiple Tests (Shared Samples) and Specimen for Special Handling**.

The yellow bags are used for:

- Short sample specimens
- Shared sample specimens
- Specimens drawn in a pediatric/microtainer (bullet) collection tube
 Specimens with multiple or serial draw times, i.e. suppression/stimulating study, Peritoneal Equilibrium Test (PET)
- Specimens with Special Handling instructions

NOTE: Do not place ANY loose labels in the bag. All labels must be placed on the specimen.

Illustration

Outside Pocket "B"

**Specimen(s) with Multiple Tests
(Shared Samples)**

This bag is intended for short/single samples with multiple tests in different departments

FOR SHORT SAMPLES PLEASE LIST IN ORDER OF PROVIDER'S PRIORITY

Affix Barcodes	Regional Lab, Specimen Processing Dept use only
	Testing Department: _____ Delivery Date/Time: _____ Received by: _____ Specimen Returned to SPD Date/Time: _____ Received by: _____
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Procedure

Follow the steps described in the table below.

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2	Verify that the collection tube(s) are labeled with patient name and medical record number (MRN). <table border="1" data-bbox="560 653 1396 1707"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">BLOOD SPECIMEN</th> </tr> <tr> <th>If the specimen is ...</th> <th>Then...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A short sample, for multiple tests that require an unopened primary tube [e.g. HIV, HBSAG, AAHEP, etc., OR “Hard to collect”]</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the collection label for the test on the primary tube. Indicate on the Shared Sample side of the bag the priority of testing as provided. Attach collection labels to the outside of the bag according to priority. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>For a test that includes multiple/serial draw times</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the correct collection label to the corresponding specimen. Verify that all required specimens are submitted. Place all specimens in the bag. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drawn in a pediatric/microtainer (bullet) collection tube</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure primary pediatric/microtainer has the proper identification information. Attach collection labels to the outside of the bag according to priority. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cytogenomic Constitutional Genome Wide SNP Microarray Analysis</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place into the Yellow Bag and transport on the next available courier. <p>Note: This test requires 2 tubes: LAV5 and GS4</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BLOOD SPECIMEN		If the specimen is ...	Then...	A short sample, for multiple tests that require an unopened primary tube [e.g. HIV, HBSAG, AAHEP, etc., OR “Hard to collect”]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the collection label for the test on the primary tube. Indicate on the Shared Sample side of the bag the priority of testing as provided. Attach collection labels to the outside of the bag according to priority. 	For a test that includes multiple/serial draw times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the correct collection label to the corresponding specimen. Verify that all required specimens are submitted. Place all specimens in the bag. 	Drawn in a pediatric/microtainer (bullet) collection tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure primary pediatric/microtainer has the proper identification information. Attach collection labels to the outside of the bag according to priority. 	Cytogenomic Constitutional Genome Wide SNP Microarray Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place into the Yellow Bag and transport on the next available courier. <p>Note: This test requires 2 tubes: LAV5 and GS4</p>
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Procedure (continued)

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2	If the specimen is ...	Then...
	Is an Immunosuppressant Drug: Everolimus Tacrolimus Sirolimus Cyclosporine Methotrexate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place into the Yellow Bag and transport on the next available courier. <p><i>Note:</i> Refer to LabNet for testing schedule.</p>
	Is a TDM: Amikacin Gentamicin Tobramycin Vancomycin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place into the Yellow Bag and transport on the next available courier.
	Quantiferon [TBGLD]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place into the Yellow Bag and transport on the next available courier
	Zika Virus RNA, Serum and Urine, Qualitative, TMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place paired specimens [Serum and Aptima Combo 2 Urine Specimen Collection Kit] into the Yellow Bag and transport on the next available courier. <p>NOTE: Urine level must be between the 2 lines.</p>
Requires Special Handling or Testing Instructions , e.g. CJD, Outside Referral Lab, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place any related paperwork inside the bag with the specimen(s). Call RRL Client Service Center at 1-818-503-7077 tie line 397 to announce the arrival of a specimen requiring special handling/testing. <p><i>Note:</i> Client Service Center will document the case and create a Special Intercept form.</p>	

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2	If the specimen ...	Then...
	Is for Tumor Marker Manual Quantitation [Dilution] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFP • CA 19-9 • CA 125 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient should hand carry a note from the physician to the collection site requesting the dilution • The specimen is drawn and the physician's note and the specimen is placed in the yellow bag indicating "ATTN: Automated Chemistry Manager." • The sending location will email the following person's indicating the specimen is on the way: Chiemi X Tabata, Olivia C Hsieh, Anthony J DelRosario-Gonzales, Josimar Orellana, Herman L Acera, Elvira S Martin, Catherine C Tagle, Ryan Quilatan, and Marianne E Muyrong. • Indicate the following information in the email: Patient's full name, MRN, and accession number and when the specimen will be sent to the RRL.
3	Verify that specimen(s) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered/scanned in the laboratory specimen tracking system, and • Packed according to specimen temperature requirement. 	
4	Seal the bag.	
5	Follow the established guidelines for delivery to RRL.	

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