ISPECIMEN LABELLING

A. Each container should be labelled with name, type of specimen, and date of

collection. Included should be a brief description of the illness; place, date, and

time of collection; requesting clinician; and clinic or ward. Samples for viral load

and resistance analysis should be kept as cold as possible, preferably frozen.

B. Routine laboratory request forms should accompany each sample. Data on

laboratory request forms should include number of days since onset of symptoms

and the reason that samples were obtained as well as name, age, and sex of

patient, and date and time of specimen removal.