

Umbilical Cord Samples

1. Obstetrics team should notify the lab that an umbilical cord sample will be coming; a team member will run the sample to the lab.
2. Check the sample for a clot, follow all lab policies regarding clotted or QNS samples.
3. If sample is acceptable (meets laboratory policy on volume and clots), run immediately while the carrier waits.
4. All flagging on the sample should be ignored; the laboratory does not perform any interpretation of the results.
5. Give a copy of the results to the carrier.
6. The team may bring subsequent samples. Follow the same procedure.

Samples can be logged-in after running and should be logged in under the mother's medical record number with the appropriate order comment. Use the mnemonic "UCCBC" to log specimen into LIS