

Prenatal Blood Collection Procedure

Specimen Collection Procedure:

- Take the kit to your OB GYN or primary care physician for a blood draw. If you would like us to schedule a specialist for an in-home draw, please visit PaternityLab.com/Prenatal
- **Blood Collection for Mother:** Using an 18g needle, draw blood from the mother into each of the 2 tubes provided.

***FOR OPTIMAL RESULTS:**

- **THE MOTHER SHOULD BE AT LEAST 10 WEEKS INTO GESTATION**
- **THE MOTHER SHOULD BE FASTING 10-12 HOURS**
- **A MORNING BLOOD DRAW IS RECOMMENDED**

***DO NOT DRAW BLOOD ON A FRIDAY; OVERNIGHT RETURN SHIPPING IS NOT AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS.**

- **Buccal Swab collection for Alleged Father:** Rub each swab firmly against the inside of the cheek for 10 strokes. Rotate the swab while rubbing from front to back. Use 2 swabs for each cheek and place used swabs inside the buccal swab envelope. Close the envelope seal when all 4 swabs are inside.

Label Specimens:

1. Label each tube with the patient's name, date of birth, collector's initials, date, and time of collection.
2. Verify the accuracy of the information on each label with the patient or legal custodian.

Package Specimens:

1. Gently invert each tube before placing them in the provided tube holder.
2. Place the tube holder with the tubes into a biohazard-labeled bag.
3. Place the biohazard bag into the provided box.
4. Seal the outside of the box with tamper-proof tape then initial and date the tape.

Shipping Procedure:

1. Place the sealed box into the provided return mailer and securely seal it.
2. Take the package to the designated shipping courier as indicated on the return mailing label and drop it off.

BLOOD DRAW NEEDS TO BE SHIPPED THE SAME DAY AS COLLECTED.