

Prenatal Blood Collection Procedure

Specimen Collection Procedure:

- Please take your kit to your OBGYN or primary care physician for a blood draw. If you would like to visit a local lab instead and need assistance setting up an appointment to have your blood drawn there, please call us at 1-866-522-1142

- **Blood Collection for Mother:** Draw 10 ml of blood from the mother into each of the 2 tubes labeled "Mother"

***FOR OPTIMAL RESULTS, A MORNING BLOOD DRAW IS RECOMMENDED.**

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

- **Nail Clipping Collection for Alleged Father:** Fill out the white specimen envelope with the donor's information. Using the provided gloves, collect a minimum of 5 nail clippings and put them in the small paper envelope. To avoid contamination, DO NOT touch the nail clippings without gloves.

Label Specimens:

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

Package Specimens:

1. Slightly 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 lab pack 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.