

Instructions for specimen collection

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Before blood collection: Take the plastic bag corresponding to the visit day from the corresponding patient number's box. Each label already has the patient number and the visit day pre-printed. Add the date of venopuncture on each label on all vacutainers, tubes and plastic bag. Make sure you handle each patient's specimen separately!

At each designated time point, using aseptic venopuncture technique, collect 9 ml of whole blood into one 6 ml and one 3 ml EDTA lavender tube provided in each kit (tubes must be full).



step 1

Prepare plasma from the 6 ml EDTA.

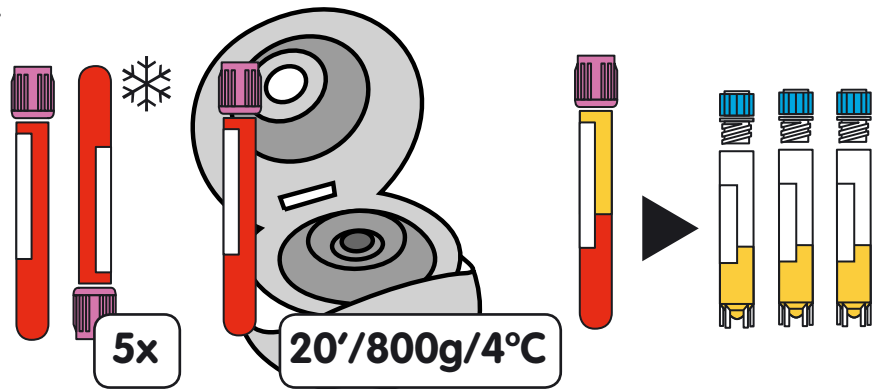
Gently invert the tube (5 times).

Blood samples have to be placed on ice after sampling until centrifugation.

Centrifuge for 20 minutes at 800 g at 4°C temperature.

The time between blood draw and centrifugation should be as short as possible but not more than 1 hour.

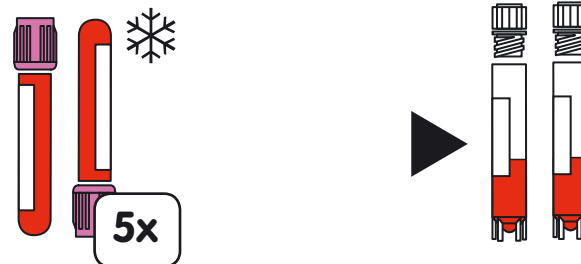
Using a disposable pipette, remove plasma, divide equally into 3 aliquots, using the 3.6 ml blue-capped cryovials included in your kit. Each vial should contain at least 0,75 ml of plasma.



Prepare blood from the 3 ml EDTA.

Gently invert the tube (5 times).

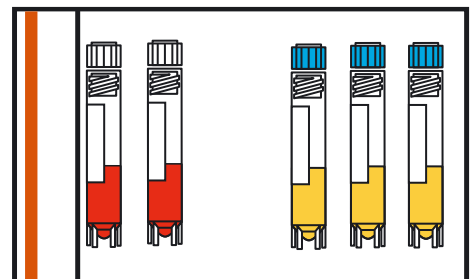
Using a disposable pipette, divide the whole blood from the 3 ml EDTA lavender tube equally into 2 aliquots and transfer into the clear-capped cryovials included in your kit. Each vial should contain at least 1 ml of whole blood.



step 2

Put the 5 cryovials back into the labeled plastic bag, close and put into freezer at -70°C into the corresponding patient box.

Specimens are to be frozen immediately at -70°C (or at -20°C for up to maximum one week if -70°C is not available).

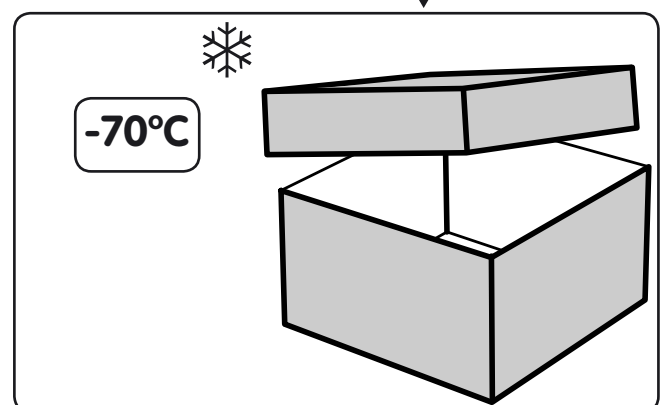


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 [Barcode]
 Date :

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
 Gender

Time blood frozen (24 Hr clock)	Number of cryovials with blue cap frozen (=plasma)	Number of cryovials with clear cap frozen (=whole blood)
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Complete all required fields on the Blood Sampling Log included in the lab kit patient box. Stick the 2 extra labels with the lab kit code provided in the plastic bag onto the Blood Sampling Log.

Instructions for shipment of blood samples

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step 3

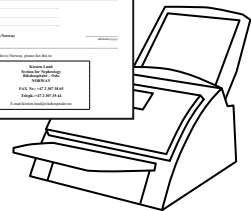
Shipment (on dry ice) to the central laboratory in Oslo, Norway will be done for a completed patient according to the procedure specified by the Roche Medical Manager.

Organize for shipment to happen on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays preferably, so that they arrive on a weekday in Oslo Norway. Call the selected courier on time a few days ahead.

A few days before the shipment, complete the Alert of Frozen Lab Kit Shipment to Norway Form and Fax to Kirsten Lund in Oslo (fax number is on form).



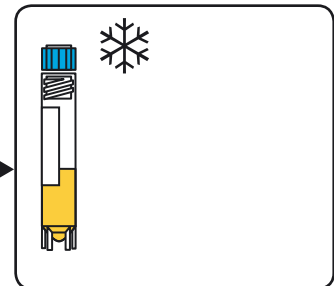
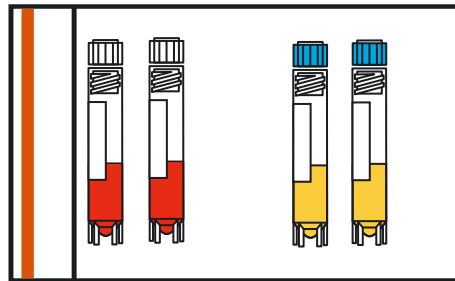
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step 4

Preparation of the samples for shipment:

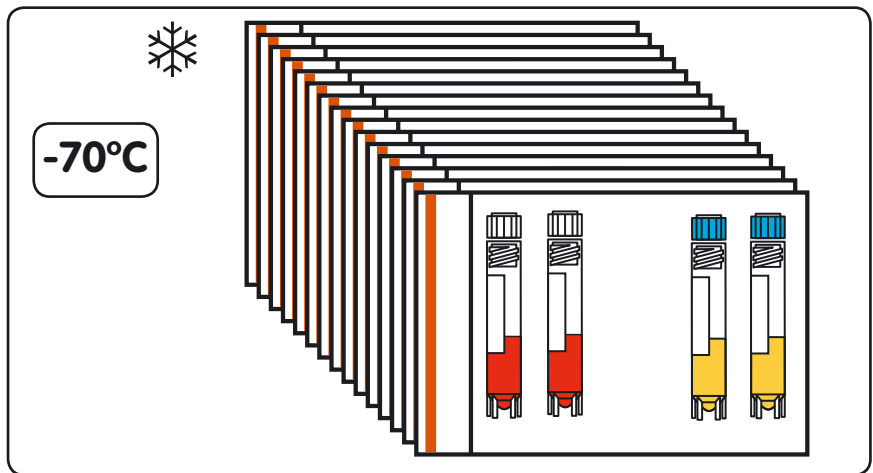
From each sampling day's plastic bag of the completed patient, take out one blue-capped cryovial (transfer tube) as a reserve and put back into the freezer.



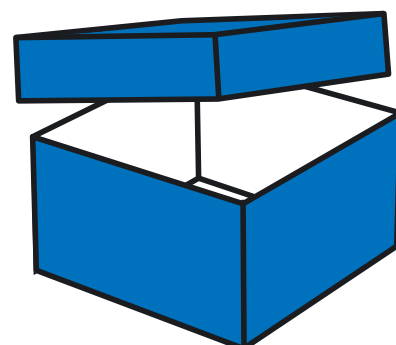
Place all smaller plastic bags for that patient into a larger plastic bag to keep all specimens of one patient together during the shipment, label with the patient number and put back to -70° C until picked up.

Prepare the Blood Sampling Log of that patient by entering into the right-hand columns the number of shipped cryovials for each sampling day.

Remove the page 2 of the completed NCR paper Blood Sampling Log (the first full-sized page with the original label on it) and include with the shipment material.



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Any other form to be completed (pro-forma invoice, list of content) because of customs, has to be clarified with your courier beforehand.

