BLOOD SAMPLE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:

When you are ready to send blood samples to our Laboratory, please do the following:

- **For adults**, please take two tubes of EDTA-anticoagulated blood (NOT heparinized blood). PACK THEM VERY CAREFULLY TO PREVENT BREAKAGE DURING TRANSIT. Arrange to have that delivered at ambient temperature to the following address, OVERNIGHT by your courier service.

- **For infants, or young children**, one “pediatric tube” of EDTA-anticoagulated blood should be sufficient. In complicated cases, parental blood samples should be informative and helpful.

- Please ensure that all blood samples are labeled correctly with the subject’s name and ID.

- In the package, please be sure to include both the **Requisition Form**, and **Diagnostic Repertoire and Charges Form**, properly filled out and signed.

- The address to be delivered to is:
  
  Hemoglobin Diagnostic Reference Laboratory  
  Evans 248, Boston Medical Center  
  88 East Newton Street  
  Boston, MA 02118  
  
  Tel. 617-414-1024  
  Fax. 617-414-1021  
  email: hemoglobin@bmc.org

- Mark on package clearly: "**URGENT, Patient blood samples for diagnosis**"

- If sent from overseas, please also mark clearly on the package:
  
  “Patient blood sample for diagnosis”  
  “Not infectious”  
  “No commercial value”

- Please arrange to send blood samples at the beginning of the week, particularly if you are looking for unstable hemoglobin(s), as we want to be able to work on them as soon as we receive them,

- Please email us re courier tracking number once the samples are sent.

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