

Division of Genetic Diagnostics Laboratory

Bone Marrow Specimens

The Division of Genetic Diagnostics Laboratory provides the following requirements for bone marrow specimens:

Amount needed	2-3ml
Quality	Unclotted; first draw preferred
Collection/Transport Container	Sodium Heparin (green top) tube or heparinized syringe placed in a sealed plastic biohazard transport bag. Sample must be in a leak proof container. Paperwork should be placed in the outer pocket of transport bag.
Specimen Labeling	All specimen containers must be clearly labeled with the patient's full name and identifying number. All specimens must be accompanied by an appropriate laboratory requisition form.
Storage Conditions	Room temperature; may be refrigerated if overnight. Sample should be sent out for immediate delivery to the laboratory.
Transport Temperature	Room temperature
Other	Peripheral blood may be sent for hematologic malignancy studies, but the specimen must be clearly marked.

Our laboratory's current test methods, including performance specifications, are available upon request to clients. Please contact the lab if requesting these documents.