Hematopoietic and solid tumor tissue collection:
- If blood, collect fresh. Draw at least 1 mL into lavender-top tube (NOT heparin) and send at room temperature if delivery within 12 hours OR on cold pack if delivery between 12 and 48 hours. Lab will NOT split this collection for other tests.
- If bone marrow, may collect fresh or send previously-collected, formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded block. Aspirates are preferred over clots or core biopsies. For fresh bone marrow collection, use lavender-top tube (NOT heparin) and send at room temperature if delivery within 12 hours OR on cold pack if delivery between 12 and 48 hours. Lab will NOT split this collection for other tests.
- If NOT blood or fresh bone marrow, ONLY send formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded block or 10 unstained sections cut at 10 microns thickness plus one h+e-stained section. Pathologist who reviewed tumor can help identify block/slides. UTSW can facilitate retrieval.
- If other pathology tests, including routine microscopic evaluation, are required on tumor tissue, place separate order(s).
- For tumor with a previously detected rearrangement/translocation, FISH recommended as an adjunct to this analysis.
- For specimen collected previously, provide copy of pathology report.

Non-Tumor tissue collection:
- If blood, collect fresh. Draw at least 3 mL of blood into lavender-top tube (NOT heparin) and send at room temperature if delivery within 12 hours OR on cold pack if delivery between 12 and 48 hours. Lab will NOT split this collection for other tests.
- If saliva, collect in a UTSW-supplied ORAgene kit and send at room temperature.
- If other pathology tests are required on non-tumor tissue, collect separate specimen(s) and place separate order(s).

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RETURN SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Specimen collection kit contains all materials needed for return shipping.
2. Secure cap(s) on tube(s).
3. Place blood/bone marrow tube in biohazard bag, then seal biohazard bag and place it and chilled cold pack in insulated, leak-proof bag. Seal insulated, leak-proof bag. DO NOT FREEZE. DO NOT SHIP ON ICE.
5. Place blocks/slides in biohazard bag and seal bag. Slides must be in plastic slide holders. Wrap biohazard bag with two layers of bubble wrap. Secure bubble wrap with stickers. (Blocks will be returned.)
6. Place all materials back in box. Place UTSW-supplied, prepaid, pre-addressed, return shipping label on box over original shipping label. Seal box via adhesive strip on inside of lid.

NOTE: Blood/bone marrow must be chilled. Saliva/blocks/slides must be at ambient temperature. Specimens NOT accepted on Sundays or holidays.

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