

Evaluation of the Patient Sample

GUIDELINE 6: Transfusion Medicine Sample Acceptance and Rejection

Do Not Reject Samples Considered Difficult to Collect	
<p>Samples considered difficult to collect are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples collected in the operating room • CSF samples • Tissue samples • Sterile fluid samples (i.e. joint fluid) • Aspirate samples • Samples collected from infants/pediatrics (Age: birth to 5 years old) • Surgical pathology samples 	

Use Notification of Sample Discrepancy Form where appropriate.	
TM Criterion:	Required Action:
Cross-match samples requiring BBID number label received with label not applied or incorrectly applied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient identification discrepancy between requisition and sample label, or • Unlabelled sample 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject – unless sample type is difficult to recollect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ See above • Discuss with supervisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrepancy or missing information between requisition and sample, or • Test not indicated on requisition, or • Samples received without a requisition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call physician, ward or collection site and clarify or request missing information if testing is time sensitive, or • Attach a copy of the Notification of Sample Discrepancy form to the front of the requisition and return to physician or collection location/site to complete if requested testing is routine. • Reject if unable to resolve discrepancy.
Group and Screen or Crossmatch samples received not collected in EDTA or non-additive (plain red top) tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject



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TM Criterion:	Required Action:
Requests for Platelet, Plasma, RhIG, or Cryo	Group and Screen required if ABO/Rh of patient unknown.
DAT sample received not collected in EDTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject
DAT sample received in non-additive tube (plain red top) when collected on an infant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process
Cord Blood sample received not properly labelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Notification of Sample Discrepancy form • Call ward to clarify or request missing information • May need to go to lab to resolve discrepancy • Store sample for 30 days.
Request for blood derivative products requiring pathologist approval (example: IVIG).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process request once approval received
Cold Agglutinin samples not maintained at 37°C from time of collection to separation of clot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject