

Sample identification

NHSBT will not normally test samples unless three or more identical points of identification are used on both forms and tubes.

- For example:
1. Patient's surname AND forename. Initials are not sufficient.
 2. NHS number and/or hospital number and/or address*.
 3. Date of birth.

*Address is not an acceptable identifier on samples for crossmatching.

- **Samples MUST be labelled, dated and signed by the person taking them.**
- **'Addressograph' labels are not acceptable on samples.** [Not applicable where demand printed label use agreement exists]
- **Samples MUST be fresh enough on receipt at NHSBT to allow testing within 7 days of venepuncture.**

Samples required

Alloantibody investigation	2 x 6mL EDTA
ABO/Rh grouping problems	1 x 6mL EDTA
Extended RBC phenotype	1 x 6mL EDTA
Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia / pos DAT	2 x 6mL EDTA
Haemolytic transfusion reaction	2 x 6mL EDTA post transfusion 1 x 6mL EDTA pre transfusion + lines/remnants from units
Compatibility testing	2 x 6mL EDTA
IgA deficiency / antibodies	2 x 6mL EDTA
Haemolytic disease of the newborn	2 x 6mL EDTA + 1mL cord blood
Anti-D/c quantification	2 x 6mL EDTA
Paternal phenotyping	1 x 6mL EDTA
Quantification of FMH or other minor RBC population	1 x 6mL EDTA
All other investigations	Please contact your local RCI laboratory

Please ship all samples at room temperature. For postage packaging must comply with the Carriage and Packaging of Dangerous Goods Act.

Ethnic origin codes

WHITE	British	A	BLACK/BLACK BRITISH	Caribbean	M
	Irish	B		African	N
	Other White	C		Other Black	P
MIXED	White + Black Caribbean	D	OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS	Chinese	R
	White + Black African	E		Any other	S
	White + Asian	F		Not stated	Z
	Other Mixed	G			
ASIAN/BRITISH ASIAN	Indian	H			
	Pakistani	J			
	Bangladeshi	K			
	Other Asian	L			

RCI Laboratory telephone numbers

	Daytime	Out of hours
Birmingham	0121 278 4063	0121 278 4037
Colindale	0208 957 2831	0208 957 2800
Filton	0117 921 7380	0117 969 3927
Leeds	0113 820 8658	0113 820 8607
Liverpool	0151 268 7148	0151 268 7170
Newcastle	0191 202 4416	0191 202 4400
Tooting	0203 123 8349	0203 123 8352
Sheffield	0114 358 4841	0114 358 4817