

For Your Information: Please ship all samples at ambient temperature

All samples must be appropriately addressed – Marked **“H&I - Diagnostic Specimens”**

NHSBT CENTRE	ADDRESS	Phone - LAB	FAX	OUT OF HOURS
Birmingham	Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2SG	0121 278 4179	0121 278 4110	0121 278 4037
Filton	500 North Bristol Park, Northway, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7QH	0117 912 5733	0117 912 5731	0117 912 5724
Colindale	Charcot Road, Colindale, London, NW9 5BG	020 8957 2923	020 8957 2973	020 8957 2800
Newcastle	Holland Drive, Barrack Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4NQ	0191 202 4410	0191 202 4564	0191 202 4500
Sheffield	Longley Lane, Sheffield, S5 7JN	0114 358 4839	0114 358 4850	0114 358 4817 / 4832
Tooting	Cranmer Terrace, Tooting, London, SW17 0RB	020 3123 8347	020 3123 8457	020 3123 8352

Other H&I test request forms

H&I diagnostic testing Please use form: 3A [This form]

Platelet immunology Please use form: 3D

Organ transplantation Please use form: 3B

Granulocyte immunology Please use form: 3E

Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation Please use form: 3C

Consent

Unless written notice is received consent for both investigations and the use of any surplus sample in scheduled purposes (quality control, staff development or ethics committee approved research) will be assumed.

IMPORTANT: Sample labelling / completion of request form

Three points of identification must be used on the form and on the sample tubes (tube and form details must agree):

1. Forename AND surname
2. Date of birth
3. NHS number (essential where available, if not available another unique identifier must be supplied)

For pretransfusion testing the samples tubes must be signed and dated.

Please see document MPD1108 "*H&I Requirements for Sample Labelling and Request Form Completion*" at <http://tinyurl.com/h-i-forms> for details.

In general, smaller volumes are permissible in infants - please contact your laboratory for help and advice.

Blood sample storage & transportation

Urgent samples must be marked urgent and discussed with the appropriate laboratory before dispatch.

Samples should be transported at ambient temperature and delivered to the laboratory in a timely manner preferably within 24 hours of collection. Prior to transportation, samples can be stored at 4°C before shipping. Samples that are sent to NHSBT must be packaged in accordance with EU Carriage of Dangerous Goods regulations and IATA regulations.

Further information

For other enquiries, please contact your laboratory for help and advice.

NHSBT H&I information can be found at http://hospital.blood.co.uk/diagnostic_services/handi/index.asp

*ODS code refers to the NHS Hospital location code, previously known as the NACS organisation code or NHSIA location code eg RJ701 or RQ8MY.