

FRM4739/3.2 – Request for fetal sex typing from maternal blood



Blood and Transplant
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Please use block capitals and complete all sections. Please see [page 2](#) for sample and transport requirements

Patient Details <i>(essential details *)</i>	
Surname *	
First name *	
Date of birth *	
Hospital number *	
NHS number <small>(* UK customers only)</small>	
Hospital sample ID *	
Sample date *	
Gestation / EDD *	
Multiple pregnancy *	Yes / No
Known risk of infection?	Yes / No

Fetal sex typing from maternal blood	
16ml EDTA blood	
Do not send DNA prepared from plasma Ship at ambient temperature, to arrive within 7 days	
Diagnosis and Clinical History	

Requester Details <i>(destination for report)</i>			
Name		Name of Sender	
Department		Sender telephone number / email <i>(For NHSBT contact purposes only)</i>	
Address		Send invoice to: (This must be provided by non-UK customers)	
Postcode			
Tel			
Fax			
Email <i>(For NHSBT contact purposes only)</i>			

Terms and Conditions	
<p>By signing and submitting this Referral Form to NHSBT the Purchaser is acknowledging that the NHSBT Terms and Conditions apply to this Referral. Where the contracting party has a Service Level Agreement with NHSBT which includes the provision of IBGRL services then the Service Level Agreement shall take precedence, and all provisions of that Agreement and subsequent amendments will apply in full</p> <p>1) NHS Blood and Transplant a Special Health Authority established under SI 2005 No 2529 of 500 North Bristol Park, Filton (NHSBT) and 2) Company Name (as above) (The Purchaser)</p>	
Requester Signature:	Date:

NHSBT USE ONLY		
<i>Hematos Barcode</i>	<i>Number of samples received:</i>	
	<i>Date received:</i>	
	<i>Sample ID:</i>	

User information - Sending samples for fetal sex typing

Sample Requirements (Please see *User Guide (INF1135)* for full sample labelling and form completion requirements accessed via <http://ibgrl.blood.co.uk>)

1. **16ml maternal blood** collected in EDTA tube (pink or purple top tubes)
2. This service should be used only for pregnancies which are **7 or more weeks gestation**.
3. The sample tube **must not be opened following blood collection**
4. The sample **must not be used for any testing prior to being sent to NHSBT**
5. The sample tube **must be stored at room temperature**
6. The sample tube **must be labelled** with the following information:
 - a. **Three unique sample identifiers** including: first name and surname, date of birth, and NHS or hospitals number (please note these must be identical to the request form)
 - b. Samples **MUST** be labelled, **dated and signed by the person** taking the sample(s).
7. Labels pre-printed prior to phlebotomy (e.g. *Addressograph labels*) are **not acceptable** on samples. They are, however, acceptable on request forms providing they do not obscure other vital details
8. Samples **must have handwritten labels** unless **demand printed labels are produced at the time of phlebotomy**. NHSBT must be informed in writing if demand printed labels are in use
9. Hand written alterations on either the sample or request form may make the sample invalid for testing. Any minor alterations must be initialled by the person taking the sample to be acceptable for testing.

Transport (please see *User Guide (INF1135)* for full transport requirements accessed via <http://ibgrl.blood.co.uk>)

1. The sender must place all samples in a suitable container along with the referral form
2. The outer container must include the name/address of the sender and must be clearly marked
3. The Samples **MUST** reach the laboratory **within 7 days of venepuncture**

Samples must reach the laboratory in time to be processed during laboratory working hours within set time limits after venepuncture. The normal laboratory working hours are Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 17:00.

Samples sent from outside the UK

Where it is not possible to send whole blood samples within the required timeframe, **by prior arrangement with IBGRL** frozen aliquots of processed plasma may be sent on dry ice. Plasma must be processed according to INF1291 (see IBGRL website for details).

Send samples to:

Molecular Diagnostics
International Blood Group Reference Laboratory
NHS Blood and Transplant
500 North Bristol Park
Filton
BS34 7QH

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FAX: +0044 (0)117 912 5782

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