**REMAP-CAP Immunoglobulin domain FAQs**

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| **REMAP-CAP Trial Sampling** |
| **What are the laboratory requirements for packing the REMAP-CAP baseline samples?** | We are not expecting samples to be packaged in a clinical laboratory, but we do ask that the postage pack and paperwork are kept out of the clinical area to reduce risk of viral transmission. Sample tubes should be disinfected (e.g. with a cleaning wipe) before leaving the clinical area**.** |
| **Should the REMAP-CAP sampling be done on all patients or just the patients randomised to plasma?** | The sampling should be done on all patients. |
| **Can we do baseline sampling for some patients and intensive sampling for some?** | This could lead to confusion so we would expect you to just do one, however we are happy for you to switch from baseline to intensive or vice versa if your capacity changes. |
| **How do we take patient samples if a patient is discharged before day 28?** | Samples are only taken whilst the patient is in hospital. |
| **What are the laboratory requirements for processing samples?** | We recommend following the WHO guidelines (<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/laboratory-biosafety-novel-coronavirus-version-1-1.pdf?sfvrsn=912a9847_2> ) – they suggest that this should take place in a validated biological safety cabinet (BSC) or primary containment device. |
| **Will samples need to be processed 24/7?** | There is a 12-hour window around each sampling time point so all samples could be taken within working hours. But this would need checking with the local Research Team. |
| **Is there a study specific courier code for booking City Sprint for transfer of samples to Guy’s?** | Yes, these costs will be covered (a contract with City Sprint is currently being set-up for this trial). No costs will be incurred by your lab. |
| **Can we store the samples over the weekend and send them on Monday?** | Where possible you should try and get samples sent on the same day as sampling. If this is not possible, keep the samples in a fridge and post as soon as possible. |
| **REMAP-CAP Randomisation / Eligibility**  |
| **Can patients who have been readmitted to ICU be entered into the trial?** | Yes, if within 14 days of hospital admission. |
| **Can we randomise pts outside the 24 hours required for other domains but within 48 hours required for this domain?** | When you randomise to other domains it will also say that the patient may be eligible for the immunoglobulin domain and gives you the 48hours to confirm if you want to randomise to this domain. |
| **In the training slides the exclusion criteria says a patient is ineligible if they have received antibody therapy against COVID-19 (convalescent plasma, hyperimmune globulin, monoclonal antibody), does this exclude patients in the Immune Modulatory (IM) domain/patients taking Tocilizumab?** | No, this refers to antibody therapy that is specific to COVID-19, patients in the IM domain/ given tocilizumab are eligible for this domain if they meet all the inclusion and none of the exclusion criteria. |
| **What is the consent pathway being used for the trial?** | There are three approved consent forms being used. The majority of patients will be consented into the trial by a representative (if they lack capacity), and then they will be approached once they regain capacity to consent for themselves. |