

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 will only be accepted for paternal or private samples. Please complete below.

- 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

All investigations require 2 x 6mL EDTA with the following exceptions:-

ABO/Rh grouping problems	1 x 6mL EDTA
Extended RBC phenotype	1 x 6mL EDTA
Haemolytic transfusion reaction	2 x 6mL EDTA post transfusion
	1 x 6mL EDTA pre transfusion + lines/remnants from units
Haemolytic disease of the new-born	2 x 6mL EDTA + 1mL cord blood
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.

Ethnicity 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		
	White + Black African	E		Chinese	R
	White + Asian	F		Any other	S
	Other Mixed	G		Not stated	Z
ASIAN/BRITISH ASIAN					
	Indian	H			
	Pakistani	J			
	Bangladeshi	K			
	Other Asian	L			

RCI Laboratory telephone numbers

RCI Referral lab	Daytime	Out of hours
Barnsley	0122 686 8011	0122 686 8061
Birmingham	0121 278 4063	0121 278 4037
Colindale	0208 957 2831	0208 957 2800
Filton	0117 921 7380	0117 969 3927
Liverpool	0151 268 7148	0151 268 7170
Newcastle	0191 202 4416	0191 202 4500
Tooting	0203 123 8349	0203 123 8352

Paternal/private samples only

Address: