

COLLECTION & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Laboratory hours:

- The lab operates Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm (EST).
- Testing is not performed on weekends or holidays and, therefore, samples must be received Monday – Friday only

Collection information:

- All samples should be labeled with patient name, date of birth and date/time of sample collection
- All samples should be refrigerated as soon as possible.
- Hemoglobin-Oxygen Affinity (p50) and Whole Blood Viscosity: Please draw an additional EDTA tube from a normal volunteer to serve as a travel control.
- Ektacytometry samples: Please draw an additional EDTA tube from a normal volunteer to serve as a travel control and submit a stained blood smear for sample, if possible.

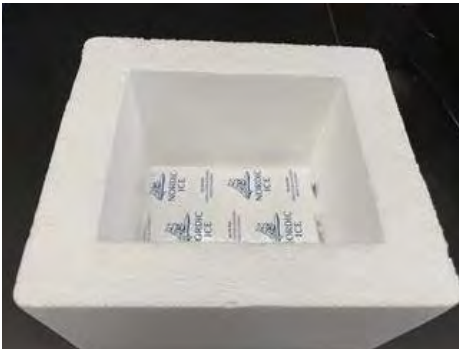
Billing / Shipping / Handling:

- Samples must be maintained at refrigeration temperature: ~2–8°C
- Package all samples with ice packs but place a paper-towel barrier between the samples and the ice packs to insulate them so they do not come into direct contact with the ice packs (if cells freeze the sample cannot be tested). See picture below.
- Please notify the CBDI Erythrocyte Diagnostic Laboratory when shipping a sample 513-636-4685, CBDILabs@cchmc.org
- The institution sending the sample is responsible for payment in full

DO NOT SHIP ON DRY ICE!

Questions?

- Call: 513-636-4685
- Email: CBDILabs@cchmc.org



1) Place ice pack in insulated container



2) Place paper towel on top



3) Place specimen on paper towel