

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION and SHIPPING USING EDTA TUBES

## SPECIMEN PREPARATION

- 1) Clearly label the EDTA specimen collection tube with:
  - a. Patient name or patient ID #
  - b. Date of birth
  - c. Specimen Type
  - d. Date and time of collection
  - e. Initials of collector
- 2) Collect a total of 10 mL of whole blood in an EDTA tube.  
DO NOT FREEZE EDTA TUBES.
- 3) Complete a Test Requisition Form for each patient. Fill out all the information requested. Keep a copy for your records.

*Test requisition forms are available through MolecularMD customer service (888-663-7382) or can be downloaded from the MolecularMD website ([www.molecularmd.com](http://www.molecularmd.com)). Clinical Trial sites should consult with their Clinical Trial Coordinator for additional Test Requisition Forms.*

- 4) Place the labeled specimen tube in a zipper biohazard specimen bag with an absorbent sheet. If sending samples for more than one patient, use separate specimen bags and test requisition forms for each patient.
- 5) Place the test requisition form in the pocket of the biohazard specimen bag
- 6) Place the specimen bag in a bubble wrap pouch. You may need to fold the specimen bag around the tubes to fit in the bubble wrap pouch
- 7) Place the bubble wrap bag pouch back in the specimen collection box
- 8) Place the box in a Clinical Pak or other shipping container labeled with "Biological Substance Category B – UN3373"
- 9) Complete an airway bill. Select overnight delivery. If shipping on a Friday, select Saturday delivery service.
- 10) Ship all specimens using a courier with priority or express delivery service to:

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