

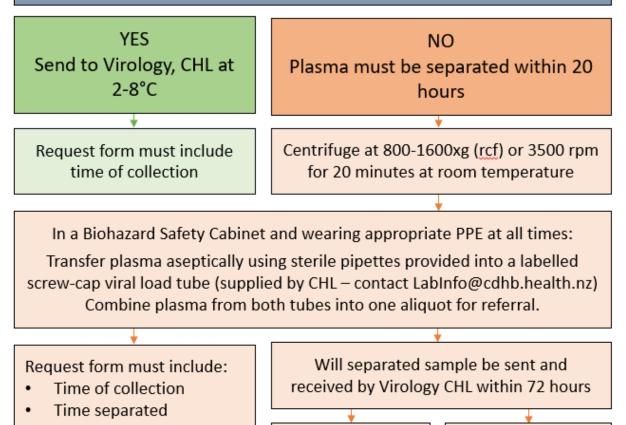
Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and CMV Viral Load Specimen Collection and Separation

Sample Collection

Two 4.0 mL whole blood EDTA tubes are required per test. Samples should only be taken Monday to Friday and must be received by Virology during working hours before 1630.

Do not share for other tests. The unseparated sample must be received by Virology CHL within 20 hours of collection if held at 2-8°C or 5 hours if held at ambient temperature. If these conditions cannot be met, the plasma should be separated. Minimum volume of separated sample required is 2mL.

Whole blood EDTA samples to arrive at CHL Virology within 20 hours of collection (2-8°C), Monday to Friday before 1630



Tube label must include:

- Patient first and surname
- Laboratory number
- Sample type

YES Do not freeze. Package sample according to transport regulations. Forward to Virology CHL at 2-8°C

NO Freeze samples at -70°C Forward frozen plasma sample with a frozen pink ice container following transport regulations.

Please note: If samples are forwarded on a Friday, please ensure they are frozen prior to sending.

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