

LPT to Beryllium: Blood Collection Procedure

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS:

Three sterile 10 mL whole blood (green, heparin) vacutainers

PROCEDURE:

1. Preschedule blood draws with lab. Call 216.444.2502 or Fax to 216.445.1325. Samples are best drawn on Monday through Wednesday only.
2. Draw blood into three green top (heparin) vacutainer tubes and label all tubes with the following:
 - a. Patient's Name
 - b. Date
 - c. Requesting Physician's Name and Telephone Number
3. Complete Cleveland Clinic Laboratories requisition
 - a. Check the Test Code BLDDBE (LPT to Beryllium, Blood, Billing Code 43060) on the requisition. *Requisitions can be obtained by calling Dajan Ninic, Service solution coordinator at 216.448.8116.*
 - b. Include all billing information. *We can bill the client, patient, Medicare, Medicaid of Ohio and various private insurers.*
 - c. **Specimens MUST be received within 24 hours.**
4. Pack the vacutainers for shipping in the following manner:
 - a. Wrap tubes in absorbent material.
 - b. Separate tubes so they do not break.
 - c. Place wrapped tubes in a sealed specimen bag.
 - d. Place the sealed specimen bag containing the tubes in a styrofoam mailing container.
 - e. Place the mailing container inside the Federal Express or Airborne Lab Pack envelope.

NOTE: Ship at room temperature. Do NOT ship on Fridays.

5. Ship specimens only via Federal Express or Airborne to:

Cleveland Clinic Laboratories
9500 Euclid Avenue/L15
Cleveland, OH 44195

6. Label package "Human Blood – Deliver Immediately. DO NOT FREEZE".
7. Cleveland Clinic Laboratories does not pay shipping charges.
8. For additional information/questions, please contact:
 - Dr. Belinda Yen-Lieberman (*Laboratory Director*)..... 216.444.8844 or 800.628.6816, ext 48844