

PMT3-E-6 — DNA BLOOD: INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLOOD SAMPLING AND SHIPPING OF SPECIMENS

- Sample:**
- EDTA blood.
 - Blood sample tubes should not be centrifuged, or have anything further done. They must be stored in -80°C.
- Sample volume:**
- DNA – 8 mL blood (minimum requirement)
- Sample collection:**
- No particular instruction is required.
 - If the samples are collected together with plasma metanephrines and catecholamines, follow the sample collection instruction for them (SOP PMT3-E-3).
- Sample processing:**
- Blood stored in -80°C without centrifuge, extraction of serum, or anything further done.
 - Blood tubes should be appropriately labeled to ensure identification.
 - Blood stored in -80°C, but no longer than a week.
- Shipping:**
- Sample should be shipped frozen on dry ice in a container approved for dry ice.
 - Sample should be shipped to the address below with enough time to ensure delivery before the end of the work-week.
 - Laboratory staff must be contacted before shipment is sent.
 - All appropriate paperwork must be included with the shipment. If the shipment contains multiple sample specimens (e.g., as in collaborative research studies) then the shipment must be accompanied by an appropriately completed sample manifest (SOP PMT3-F-1. Specimen processing and sample manifest for the PMT3-study). An electronic copy may be included or sent separately.

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