

(WRGL use only):

Investigation(s):

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DNA loc:

In before? Initials

Date of receipt:

Referral reason:

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SOLID TISSUES

PATIENT DETAILS

Sample type

SURNAME	FORENAME
Date of birth	NHS number
Sex	Hospital number
Referring clinician	Hospital / Department / Referral centre
Clinician's contact number	NHS Private (address for invoicing):
NHS.net email	
Patient post code	Additional copies to:

Skin

Placenta

Cord

ERPC

Other (please specify)

Date of collection -- : -- : --

Collected by

Obstetric details

Date of delivery -- : -- : --

Gestation --

EDD -- : -- : --

Phenotypic sex: M / F / Unknown

Spontaneous loss TOP

REASON FOR REFERRAL Pregnancy loss Live patient Coroner's case Other
(provide full details below)

Previous obstetric history (state number)

Previous livebirths Previous stillbirths

Previous miscarriages Previous induced terminations

Details of any previous genetic investigations or relevant obstetric history

Are Rare and Inherited Disease eligibility criteria fulfilled? **Y / N**

In submitting this sample the clinician confirms that consent has been obtained for testing and storage. Anonymised stored samples may be used for quality control procedures including validation of new genetic tests.



SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS: Solid tissues

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The National Genomics Test Directory specifies which tests are funded by NHS England, together with their eligibility criteria (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-genomic-test-directories/>). Clinical Genetics services are available if required for advice or discussion of possible specific genetic diagnoses. For rare or unusual cases, please contact Wessex Clinical Genetics Service, Level G, Princess Anne Hospital, Coxford Road, Southampton, Hants. SO16 5YA; tel: **02381 206170**.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

- **Please do not place samples in fixative.**
- Forward as soon as possible following collection, but if there is delay, store at 4 °C.
- Multiple samples may increase the success rate of testing.

Pregnancy loss referrals:

- **Please do not send ERPC (Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception) samples in the procedure evacuation container. Please separate the solid tissues and transfer to a dry, sterile, leakproof container.**

POC	Solid tissues	Dry, sterile, leakproof container
Placental biopsy	>2 cm ²	Dry, sterile, leakproof container
Fetal tissues (e.g. skin, muscle, cord)	>1 cm ²	Dry, sterile, leakproof container
Cord blood	1-2 ml	EDTA tube

Biopsies from live child or adult referrals, or for cell culture:

Skin biopsy	Full-depth needle punch biopsy	In tissue culture medium available from the laboratory (do not send dry)
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Details on both the referral form and the sample tube should be **complete and legible**. We reserve the right to refuse to process samples with incomplete, illegible or ambiguous patient information.

Any samples in the wrong tube or medium, or which are subject to significant delay in transit, are liable to be rejected. Blood samples from patients who have had a recent blood transfusion may not be suitable for testing.

SAMPLE DESPATCH AND TRANSPORT

Sample and referral form should be sent **together** in a secure leak-proof package (hard cardboard box not a padded envelope) according to UN P650 packaging instructions, to arrive as soon as possible after collection. Outside packaging should be clearly labelled '**PATHOLOGICAL SAMPLE FOR DELIVERY TO GENETICS**'. WRGL opening hours are 9 am – 5.30 pm Mon-Fri.

Further information on the available tests, the sample acceptance policy, and instructions for sample collection and despatch are provided on the Solid Tissues service guide on our website.

For current information and to download copies of our referral forms and service guides, please refer to our website: www.wrql.org.uk