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Client Communication

# Clinical Specimen Processing

In an ongoing effort to provide you and our shared patients the best possible lab results, please share this communication with your laboratory specimen collection and processing staff.

Please follow these guidelines when processing blood specimens:

1. **Fill all blood tubes completely.**
2. **After collection, mix all blood tubes with gentle inversion 4-5 times.**
3. **Allow serum separator tubes (SST) to sit and clot for at least 30 minutes before placing in centrifuge. Do not let serum tubes go unspun for more than 2 hours.**
  - i. **Utilize secondary aliquot container when indicated, such as from red top tube collection or frozen serum.**
  - ii. **Record on any secondary aliquot container what has been aliquoted i.e serum, EDTA plasma, citrate plasma, etc. and 2 patient identifiers (full name, DOB)**
4. **For outside lockboxes**
  - a. **Include 1-2 cold packs (green zipper pouch) during the hot summer months. Do not place any blood specimens directly on the cold packs.**
  - b. **Place frozen specimens INSIDE blue zipper pouch with copy of the requisition.**

For specimen collection requirements, stability, and turnaround time, please refer to the ProPath test menu at <https://propath.com/for-healthcare-providers/test-menu/>

Please contact your sales or service representative or Amy Doty, clinical specialist at 214-490-2789 with any questions.

We appreciate your assistance in yielding the best results for our patients.

Thank you.