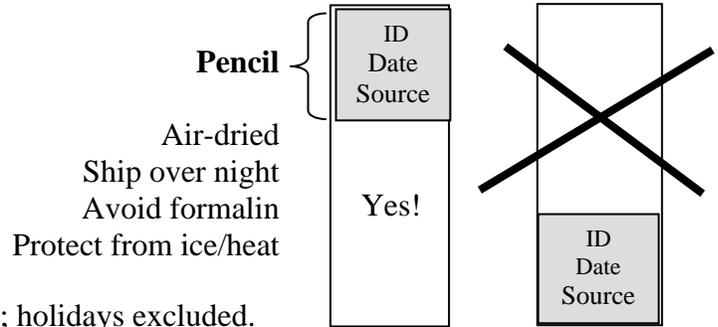
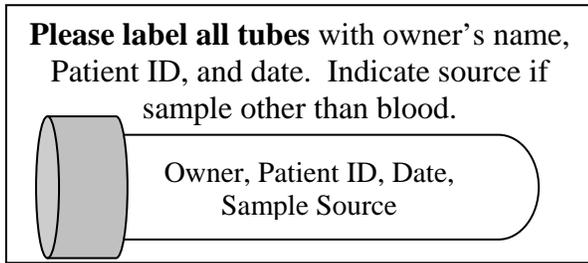


CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SAMPLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

CYTOLOGY SLIDE LABELING:



Cytology Samples: Freshly prepared films required.

- **Turn-around:** Less than 48 hours after receipt; holidays excluded.
- **History and lesion description** is crucial for accurate evaluation.
- **Stain** at least 1 film if shipping is delayed and to check sample quality. Leave others unfixed, unstained.
- **Fluids** are best preserved in EDTA. Include freshly made direct +/- concentrated films. Label source.
- **CSF** requires immediate processing. Refer to manual or call for guidance.
- **Synovial fluid:** Mucin clot reaction is inhibited by EDTA; additional heparin or clot tube recommended.
- **Bone marrow:** Freshly made direct marrow films +/- excess in EDTA; label as marrow. Concurrent blood tube *and* fresh films for CBC/retic is strongly recommended and is included in cost. If blood is not available, provide concurrent CBC/reticulocyte data, *including histograms/cytograms and blood film.*
- **Lymph nodes:** Indicate sites for evaluation of individual node findings.
- **Urine:** Air-dried sediment w/o coverslip at room temp and/or sediment in capped conical tube, cold pack

Barring unforeseen circumstances, every effort will be made to complete requests, other than cytology, the same day if received by 7pm. Holidays excluded. Please do not hesitate to contact the lab if extenuating circumstances exist. Call back fees may apply.

HEMATOLOGY

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| CBC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes automated platelet count and plasma protein ▪ Includes reticulocyte count if anemic (Eq excl) ▪ Large Animal CBC includes Fibrinogen ▪ Avian/Reptile CBC includes WBC, PCV, Diff | <p><i>Purple top must be at least 3/4 full, clot free, and cold pack but no direct contact with ice.</i></p> <p><i>Fresh, air-dried films insulated from cold required if shipping.</i></p> |
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DIAGNOSTIC PROFILES

Small/Small Exotic Animal	Food Animal/Ruminant/ Lg Exotic Mammal	Equine	Avian/Reptile
Glu BUN Creat	Glu Creat, T-Bili, Iron	Glu BUN Creat T-Bili	Glu BUN Ca Phos
Chol T-Bili, Iron	TP Alb Glob A/G	TP Alb Glob A/G Ca Phos	TP Alb Glob A/G
TP Alb Glob A/G Ca Phos Mg	Ca Phos Mg	Mg AST CK GGT SDH	AST CK Uric Acid
AMY ALP ALT AST CK GGT	AST CK GGT SDH	Lytes T-CO2 Anion Gap	Lytes T-CO2 Anion Gap
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Immunohematology:

- Fresh EDTA whole blood; add patient clot tube and donor EDTA and clot tube for crossmatch.

Coagulation:

- Citrate (blue top tube) must be filled to, but not beyond capacity via non-traumatic venipuncture.
- Submit whole blood or harvested platelet-poor plasma at room or refrigerated temperature if w/in 4-6 hrs of collection.
- If shipping, submit -20°C frozen plasma.
- INR calculated at no charge if box checked.

Urine Fractional Excretions (weekdays only):

- Includes Na K Phos Ca (Eq excludes Ca)

Biochemistry:

- Fasted clot tube samples preferred.
- Clot thoroughly, centrifuge, harvest serum w/in 60 minutes of collection, cap, refrigerate.
- Heparin plasma acceptable for all but bile acids, ethylene glycol, lipase, osmolality.

Ionized Calcium:

- Anaerobic whole blood; balanced heparin preferred over lithium heparin (≥ 2 ml syringe sample w/ 10 IU/ml liquid heparin).
- Room temp if submitted <30 min after collection.
- Ice-water if 30 min.-4 hrs after collection.
- Shipping: Anaerobic serum or heparin plasma in capped gel separator tube; avoid severe hemolysis.