

2 User Instructions

2.4 Cryoglobulin Collection Instructions

Samples for cryoglobulin **MUST** be maintained at body temperature. Please follow the protocol below when transporting samples to the laboratory.

1. Telephone the Biochemistry department to request a flask.
2. Request a cryoglobulin on ICE or through Meditech order management and print off the request.
3. Collect the flask from the laboratory and sign the form provided to indicate that you have collected the flask.
4. The flask will contain a warmed vacutainer bottle sealed within a sample bag.
5. Use the warmed vacutainer to collect the patient sample, label the tube and seal it within the sample bag. Return the sample bag, containing the labelled sample, to the flask immediately after venesection. The sample must remain at **37°C AT ALL TIMES**.
6. Return the flask, sample and request form to the laboratory straight away or the test may be rendered invalid.
7. Sign the form in the laboratory to indicate that you have returned the flask.