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NOTE: Once the flask has been received and bloods collected, the flask and samples must be returned back to the laboratory within 30 minutes. If it doesn't reach the lab within 30 minutes the test may be rendered unsuitable for analysis.

1. Phone the biochemistry laboratory to request a cryoglobulin flask be prepared.
2. Request a cryoglobulin through the ICE/OM system and print the form/labels.
3. Once the flask is received, label all the warmed vacutainer tubes from the flask with the patient details (ICE/OM label).
4. Only use these labelled warmed tubes in the flask for collecting the blood samples. There should be:
 - 2 x **White/red** top(plain – Z no additives) tubes
 - 2 x **Purple** top (EDTA) tubes
5. Blood should be taken directly into the provided blood tubes or via a butterfly connection and short length tubing (<50cm), but NOT via a syringe. This is to avoid losing any cyroprotein during collection. Please fill each of the four tubes as much as possible.
6. Once collected, place the samples inside the provided specimen bag before **immediately** returning them into the flask.

The samples must remain at 37°C AT ALL TIMES.

7. Return the flask, samples and ICE form/OM sticker to the Biochemistry laboratory **as quickly as possible** or the test may be rendered invalid. The flask must be received back in the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.

Please return these instructions back to the biochemistry laboratory along with the flask.