

2 Pathology Sample Storage Instructions_

Department	Sample Type	Storage Requirements
Biochemistry	Serum	<p>Samples must not be stored overnight as centrifugation on the day of collection is essential to preserve analytes and ensure accurate results. If samples are received unspun after the day of collection some analytes may be unavailable, or the request rejected in its entirety depending on the requested tests.</p>
	Whole Blood	<p>Store at between 4-8°C. If samples are received after the day of collection some analytes may be unavailable, or the request rejected in its entirety depending on the requested tests.</p>
	Urine	<p>Store at between 4-8°C. If samples are received after the day of collection some analytes may be unavailable, or the request rejected in its entirety depending on the requested tests.</p>
Haematology	All samples	<p>Samples must be received within the specified stability time for each assay. It is not suitable to store samples as degradation in EDTA or Citrate will result in inaccurate results. If samples are received outside of the stability times specified, the laboratory may be rejected and a repeat requested.</p>

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Blood Transfusion	All samples	Samples must be received on the date of venepuncture. Prolonged sample storage is not suitable for this sample type.
Immunology	All samples	All Immunology samples that miss the courier need to be stored overnight in a fridge (2 – 8 C)
Microbiology	All Samples	Samples which miss the courier should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C)
Histopathology	Sample pots	Keep at room temperature
Cytology	Fresh Non-Gynae cytology samples eg sputum, serous fluids, urine.	If miss courier can be refrigerated overnight.
Cervical Screening	Cervical samples in Thinprep vials	Stable at room temperature for 6 weeks (Do not refrigerate)
Symptomatic FIT		PC-FIT-INS-007.OE-Patient-FIT-instructions-for-the-POSTAL-PACK-feb-23.pdf
BCSS	N/A	
POC	N/A	