COLLECTION AND SHIPMENT OF BLOOD SAMPLES FOR IFAR REGISTRY
THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Laboratory of Genome Maintenance

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PURPOSE:
This sample is being obtained for research purposes. Any genetic testing that might be done on this
sample has to be confirmed in a clinical laboratory. As the sample is being obtained for research
purposes, we cannot say how long it will take to discover findings. Sometimes it can take months or
years before we are able to provide any information to the referring physician.

CONSENT:
No blood should be collected unless a valid consent is obtained. For participants already enrolled in the
IFAR, consent may already be on file. Please contact our study coordinator if there are questions about
consent status.

COLLECTION:
Peripheral blood should be drawn into 10cc sodium heparin (GREEN TOP TUBES). For adults and
pediatric patients over age 5, we require 10cc. For newborns we would like at least 3cc. For all other
pediatric patients we need at least 5cc

PACKING:
It is extremely important to carefully pack the tube(s), providing ample protection against breakage. Use a
watertight container such as a cylindrical can or Styrofoam box made for shipping blood tubes along with
absorbent material. This can then be shipped in a Federal Express Clinical Pak or other sturdy outer
packaging. FedEx air bills can be provided by IFAR, but please complete Sender’s Info before shipping.

TEMPERATURE:
Specimens should be sent at room temperature. Do not ship on ice or dry ice. Do not freeze.

SHIPPING:
SEND VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS FOR PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY to:
The Rockefeller University Laboratory of Genome Maintenance Attn: Frank Lach
1230 York Avenue Box 182, New York, NY 10065
Notify the laboratory by calling (212) 327-8862, prior to shipping

REQUISITION:
The physician is asked to provide patient information on the attached requisition form, which should
accompany the sample.

TIME:
Samples should be drawn/shipped MONDAY-THURSDAY (to arrive at our lab Tuesday-Friday).
Samples should NOT be drawn/shipped on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT INFORMATION:
For questions about the research study: fanconiregistry@rockefeller.edu or 212-327-8612.
For questions about specimen retrieval/shipment: Frank Lach at 212-327-8862.