

## Cryoglobulins Sampling Procedure

*Please read instructions overleaf*

1. **Before sampling**, please arrange for a porter to collect a flask from Specimen Reception. The porter needs to wait until sample collection is complete, then return the flask and samples to the laboratory.
2. The flask contains a **RED** top (serum) and a **PURPLE** top (plasma) tube. These tubes are preheated with sand at 37 °C. **Do not remove the tubes from the sand until immediately before collection.**
3. Collect blood samples using the supplied tubes. This should be done as **quickly as possible** to prevent the blood from cooling.
4. Once collected, the tubes should be **labelled** with the patient's details and **immediately placed vertically into the sand**. Close the flask.
5. The request form can then be completed as usual. It is important to record the time of sample collection on the request form.
6. The sample and form should be transported to the laboratory by the porter **within 30 minutes** of sample collection.
7. Results are usually available 5-7 days after sampling.

**Further advice?** Contact the Duty Biochemist on x74265 or bleep 389 (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm).