Multi-Shipper with Cold Pack
Hepatitis C

Supplies Needed for Collection and Packaging

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Collection and Labeling of Specimen

1) Using safe phlebotomy practices, draw patient blood specimen into Plasma Preparation Tube (PPTT)
2) Gently invert tube 8-10 times.
3) After mixing, whole blood specimen may be stored up to six hours at room temperature until centrifugation. *
4) Make sure two identifiers are on the specimen tubes.
5) Store and ship specimens at 2-8°C. Spun PPT tubes can be frozen and shipped when needed.
*Reference - BD Vacutainer PPT Package Insert

Packaging of Specimen

1) Place specimen tube(s) into tube shuttle.
2) Roll up tube shuttle/specimens and place in 95kPa bag.
   If shipping single tube place in 95kPa bag with absorbent.
3) Place sample bag on top of frozen cold pack and replace styrofoam lid.
4) Put Outreach form on top of styrofoam lid and close outer box.
   Place laboratory/FedEx label on the top of the box.
When possible, send priority overnight using FedEx.
Place box inside FedEx UN3373 Pak.

Refer to 49CFR 173.199 for current regulations on packaging and shipping of Category B infectious substances

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