



Regional Red Cell Disorders Reference Laboratory

Requisition and Referral Instructions for Hemolytic Anemia Investigation

1. **Blood Collection:** A 3-ml fresh EDTA whole blood sample is required. Please include a CBC and automated reticulocyte count if available. *Samples that require Osmotic Fragility or PK must be sent on ice at 4°C, and must be received within 24 hrs.* All other samples can be sent at ambient temperature. Special precautions should be taken with all samples to prevent freezing or exposure to excess heat.

2. **Patient Information:**

Name: _____ Date of Birth: Year / Month / Day

HIN: _____ Gender: _____ Doctor: _____

Relevant Patient History and e.g. recent transfusion or relationship to other patients being referred:

Referring Laboratory ID #: _____

Referring Laboratory Address _____
and Phone #: _____

3. **Referring Laboratory Test Results (if available):**

Hemoglobin: _____ Erc Count: _____ MCV: _____ RDW: _____

Platelet Count: _____ Reticulocyte Count: _____ G6PD Screen: _____

Relevant Erythrocyte Morphology: _____

Total Bilirubin: _____ Direct Bilirubin: _____ LDH: _____ Direct Coombs _____

4. **Tests Required:** Initial Hemolytic Anemia Investigation: _____

Osmotic Fragility (must be kept on ice at 4°C): _____

G6PD Assay: _____

Pyruvate Kinase Assay (must be kept on ice at 4°C): _____

Other tests (please specify): _____

5. Ship to: **Molecular Hematology and Genetics Laboratory,
Room 2N22, McMaster University Medical Centre,
1200 Main Street West,
Hamilton ON, L8N 3Z5**

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