

# Sample collection instructions

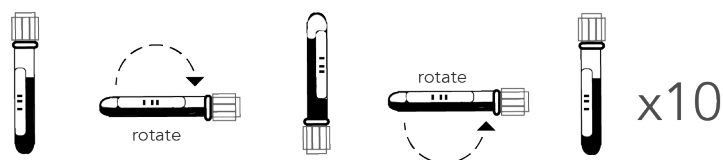
## 1. Collect blood sample

Check the blood tube expiry date. Do not use if expired.

- Check patient's details on the request form with the patient.
  - eg - full name, DOB, address & mobile
- Ask patient to read and sign patient consent on the request form.
- Draw between 7-10mL of blood (to within 2cm of the stopper) into a single STRECK vacutainer tube (see overside).
- Testing requires a minimum of 7mL of blood.
- Recommend using 20-23 gauge needles.
- Butterfly needles may be used to draw blood, but the tubing length may decrease the amount of blood entering the collection tube.
- Vein collapse or inability to get 7-10mL on a single draw may require a second venepuncture with a fresh tube.

## 2. Gently mix sample

- Gently invert the tube 10 times immediately after draw.



## 3. Pre-pack sample

- Label collection tube with patient's full name, DOB, date & time of collection.
- If attaching a label, check patient's details are correct and ensure a window of 6mm is left open, so tube contents are visible (see overside).
- Ask patient to check their details on the labelled tube.
- Place tube inside plastic *specisafe* pocket provided.
- Place *specisafe* pocket & completed request form into biohazard bag.
- Place biohazard bag into *percept* box if this has been provided in your kit.



**Keep blood at room temperature (18-30C).**  
**Blood should never be refrigerated or frozen.**  
**Store unused collection kits at room temperature.**

## *percept* labelling guide

Testing cannot be performed on samples with no window on the tube.



## *percept* volume guide

Testing cannot be performed on samples less than 7mL.

