

Post Mortem Sample Short Term Storage Form

Date: _____

The UW Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics Laboratory aims to make post mortem genetic testing more accessible to families who have experienced the sudden, unexplained death of a loved one. To safeguard the availability of postmortem genetic testing, the UW Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics Laboratory will store postmortem specimens for possible future molecular analysis.

By submitting this form, along with a specimen obtained from the decedent, you agree to have the UW Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics Laboratory extract and store DNA obtained from the sample(s) for up to one year.

There is no charge associated with this service. No clinical testing will be performed on this sample without additional submission of appropriate test ordering forms. Please call the laboratory or visit our website for more information on clinical postmortem testing options. After one year, the laboratory will contact the submitting provider to discuss the destruction of the DNA and residual sample.

Long term DNA banking is also available for a service fee. Please call the laboratory or visit our website for more information.

Preferred Postmortem Specimens:

5-10 ml whole blood in EDTA (preferred) or sodium heparin tubes.

Other ideal tissue sources (in addition to whole blood submission): Heart fresh tissue (minimum 2mmx2mmx2mm) and/or skin fresh tissue (deep skin punch, minimum 2mmx2mmx2mm) into cytogenetics transfer media.

Specimen Demographics

Deceased's Name (Last, First)	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Ethnicity	
MRN	

Clinician Information

Provider Name	
Provider Signature	
Phone	
Institution/Address	

Please call the laboratory at 608-262-0402 with questions.

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