

Sending specimen from other hospitals/ labs/Collection Centers to Acu-MDx:

Specimen to be sent should be collected in a suitable primary container (vacutainers for blood samples, sterile plastic bottles for urine, body fluids and sputum)

Please refer to the DOS & Primary sample collection manual provided by Acu-MDx, for details of containers and type of samples to be collected for each test done in Acu-MDx.

The referring labs/hospitals could get the containers issued from Acu-MDx or could use the appropriate containers as specified above. Ensure that all specimen container caps/lids are properly tightened to prevent leakage. Label the container properly with patient name, age, gender and patient ID No. from the hospital/lab which is sending sample.

Wrap the container in tissue paper or cotton wool, which will act as absorbent material in event of any spillages.

This will be placed in a plastic bag/pouch. In case of transport from those places requiring more than two hours to reach Acu-MDx, Pre frozen gel pack (ice pack) should be placed along with specimen. This is applicable to test requests for all the tests between specimen container and gel pack place a sponge to avoid any damage to specimen container.

Please note: It is preferable to centrifuge the blood samples (in case of tests requiring serum or plasma) for transports requiring more than 2 hours, in order to avoid hemolysis.

Properly fill the requisition form.

Place the requisition form in the plastic pouch/bag, along with specimen containers (already wrapped in tissue paper or cotton wool).

All these should be placed in a transport box made up of smooth impervious material such as plastic or metal. Label the box with a hazard-warning label 'Bio-Hazardous Material'. Place the name, address and contact number of the destination laboratory on the outside of the envelope.

Place the name, address and contact number of the originator (sender) on the outside of the envelope.

The specimen can be transported or posted as appropriate.

In case of specimen transported by post, an outer form of packaging such as padded envelope (jiffy bag) must be used to post the specimen. Ordinary envelopes should not be used. The package must be clearly marked "diagnostic specimen – fragile, handle with care". It must also show information on whom to contact in case of loss, damage or leakage.