

IMPAACT SPECIMEN SHIPPING DIRECTIVE UPDATE

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The following protocols are currently approved for specimen shipments to the Repository at Biomedical Research Institute (BRI). Refer to the protocol document and/or Lab Processing Chart (LPC) for the type of specimens to be sent. Do not send specimens that will be tested within 6 months of collection.

ACTG 076
ACTG 152
ACTG 219/219C
ACTG 300
ACTG 316
ACTG 338
ACTG 345
ACTG 351
ACTG 356
ACTG 377
ACTG 381
ACTG 382
ACTG 390
P1020A
P1025
P1034
P1045
P1053
P1058
P1058a
P1060
P1078
P1083

REMINDERS:

--Specimens from 219/219C and P1025 remain the highest priority and the sites/laboratories should concentrate on getting these specimens to the repository first. Once a site/laboratory has shipped all 219/219C and P1025 samples it should resume shipment of specimens from the remaining **21** high priority protocols: 076, 152, 300, 316, 338, 345, 351, 356, 377, 381, 382, 390, P1020A, P1034, P1045, P1053, **P1058, P1058a, P1060, P1078 and P1083.**

--The IMPAACT Laboratory Steering Committee (ILSC) will allow each NIAID site/laboratory to ship off-schedule until all specimens are at BRI. This means every site/laboratory can ship Monday-Wednesday (only) any or all weeks of each month.

--The specimens must be QC'd before sending them to BRI. BRI will not accept specimens with missing, illegible, or damaged labels. Specimen labels must have, at a minimum, the PID, study number, date, derivative. The information on the labels must match the Laboratory Data Management System (LDMS) entry for that specimen. Specimen boxes with >10% discrepancies will be returned to the site/lab. Please refer to the IMPAACT Repository Guidelines on the IMPAACT Repository Web page: <http://www.impaactgroup.org/specimen-repository> for details on the quality assurance expectations, the requirements for full boxes, PBMC versus plasma/serum storage box types and shipping specifications, etc.

--If you have any questions or identify any insurmountable obstacles, please inform the ILSC via email at: impaact.ilsc@fstrf.org.

NOTE: Only NIAID sites should send their specimens to the Repository at BRI. NICHD sites should hold specimens on site until instructed to send them to Fisher.