

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Virology

HIV confirmation (screen test plus at least 2 further tests for HIV 1/2)

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): 6mL clotted blood tube

Specimen type: Venous Blood

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Specimen transport: Ambient temperature via porter, courier, Royal Mail or DX compliant with IATA packing instruction 650

Minimum volume of sample: 2 mL

Special precautions: If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable.

Laboratory information

Turnaround time for provisional result (working days): 4 days

Turnaround time to final result (working days): 6 days

Clinical information

Clinical decision points: Not applicable

Factors known to significantly affect the results: Haemolysis

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