

## Division of Laboratory Medicine

Molecular Microbiology

# HIV screen (4th generation: HIV1 and 2 antibody and p24 antigen)

## General information

**Collection container (including preservatives):** 6mL 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:** 2mL

**Special precautions:** All samples are suitable for overnight refrigeration only, they must not be stored over a weekend

## Laboratory information

**Measurement units:** Not applicable

**Biological reference units:** Not applicable

**Turnaround time:** 3-4 days

Same day testing offered, contact the laboratory for 4 hour turnaround (screen and confirmation for same day request only)

## Clinical information

**Clinical decision points:** Not applicable

**Factors known to significantly affect the results:** Haemolysis

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