

Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Candidate Monthly Serum Screen

Please submit this form with each monthly PRA serum sample. If you have questions, please call the Histocompatibility Laboratory of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist (336) 716-4456.

Monthly collection of patient serum (10 ml red top tube) is vital to the success of organ transplantation. Serum screens detect antibodies which might cause rejection of future transplants. Furthermore, sera are stored for use in crossmatches with prospective organ donors. *Renal and Pancreas transplant candidates are required by UNOS to submit one serum sample in each calendar month.*

Patient Name: _____ **Last 4 numbers of SSN:** _____
Please use full legal name, no nicknames

Date of Birth: _____ **AHWFB Medical Record Number:** _____

Collection Date: _____ **Drawn by (full name):** _____

Clinic/Dialysis Center: _____ **Phone:** _____

PATIENT NAME, COLLECTION DATE, AND A UNIQUE IDENTIFYING NUMBER ARE ALSO REQUIRED ON EACH TUBE LABEL.

Current History

Please record any sensitizing events or infections which have occurred since last serum submission:

Transfusion(s) **Transplant (Location)** _____ **Pregnancy (including miscarriage)**
 Infection(s)

Date(s) _____

Submission of Sample:

- All necessary precautions must be taken to avoid exposing the serum to temperature extremes. Avoid having the package sit on a hot loading dock or directly on ice.
- Serum must be packaged to withstand leakage, shocks, pressure changes and other conditions that ordinarily occur during transport. The package should be constructed so that the contents cannot leak to the outside of the shipping container, even if the vial leaks during transport.
- The specimen tube must be placed inside a second leak-proof container. Several tubes can be placed in the secondary container if individual vials do not touch.
- Enough absorbent material must be placed between the vial and secondary containers to absorb the total contents of the package.
- The secondary container must be placed in a third outer shipping container (metal, corrugated fiberboard, cardboard or other material of equivalent strength). Bags, envelopes or styrofoam boxes **are not acceptable** outer shipping containers.
- Both the secondary and outer shipping containers must be labeled with a biohazard label.
- **Shipping supplies including pre-printed FedEx air bills can be obtained by calling Path-Tec at (706) 569-6368.**

Ship to: HLA/Immunogenetics Laboratory 145 Kimel Park Dr. Suite 250 Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Serum must be drawn within the first three weeks of each calendar month, and received by the HLA Laboratory within seven calendar days of collection. Sera which exceed this time limit will be deemed unacceptable by the laboratory.