

Dear Pathology Collector

Please find attached a request for a **blood group, antibody screen and/or antibody titre**. This is **not** a standard Group and Hold. The patient is on a special kidney transplant program and the test is to be performed at the Blood Bank at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, however blood collection can occur at any pathology centre.

- The blood sample required is a **9ml EDTA or 2 x 6ml EDTA**
- Please ensure the patient's correct name, gender, date of birth and the date of collection (**including day, month and year**) are handwritten on the tubes
- If the patient is on the kidney exchange programme please include the **NOMS ID number** of both the donor and recipient on the request form and include the **NOMS ID** on the specimen.
- Please ensure all collection details are complete as required in the Collectors Statement section on the form
- Please ensure the patient signs the Request form as follows:
 - Patient/Witness Statement section
 - The Medicare Authorisation which must include Medicare Number
- Please ensure the contact details of the ordering doctor and the phone and fax number for reporting of results are included on the request form
- Please bulk bill
- The blood tube(s) need to be sent directly to the Blood Bank at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital **on the same day** if possible. All specimens must be packed such that a storage/transport temperature of 2 – 8 °C is maintained.
- Please keep sample separate from other blood tests
- **The blood sample must be clearly addressed on the outside of the container to:**

Attention: Bernadette Blayney/ Lynette Ackerman
Blood Bank Department
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Missenden Rd
Camperdown NSW 2050

Contact Details at RPAH Blood Bank:

Bernadette Blayney	9515 8597	bernadette.blayney@health.nsw.gov.au
Lynette Ackerman	9515 7817	lynette.ackerman@health.nsw.gov.au