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HKID	D M Y Date of Birth / /	Date & Time Collected								
Patient Name		Date & Time Received								
Sex		<h1>Postmortem Specimen Storage Protocol</h1>								
Age										
Clinical Details										
Doctor's 331 Code	Doctor's Signature:	Requesting Location:								
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<p><i>Please note that all specimens will be discarded after storage for six months. For laboratory enquiry: Please call the Duty Biochemist (through hospital operator 3505 2211)</i></p>										

Sample Collection

Please send all samples at room temperature to the laboratory.

Blood

- 1 x 5 mL Heparin tube
- 2 x 3 mL EDTA tube
- 1 x 5 mL Plain clotted blood tube

Guthrie Filter Paper (Available from Chemical Pathology Reception upon request)

- i. Spot 1 to 2 large drops of capillary blood onto a designated circle of the collection card and allow it to soak through. Do not apply blood to both sides of the card. Fill as many circles as possible.
- ii. Allow blood spots to dry thoroughly in a horizontal position on a non-absorbent surface for at least 3 to 4 hours at room temperature before sending it to the laboratory.

Urine

Collect as much as possible in a plain urine bottle.

TO CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY RECEPTION STAFF**Sample Handling & Registration Laboratory Requests**

- (1) Give laboratory number to each specimen
- (2) Register each specimen with test code "NOTEST"
- (3) Enter information as follows:
 - Reference field: (*Specimen type*)
 - NTTN: Postmortem Protocol
 - Result field: Specimen storage for postmortem investigations. Requested by Dr. XXXXXX (331 code). This specimen will be discarded after storage for six months.

Sample Aliquoting & Storage

Heparin tube	- Aliquot 1.5 mL plasma into each of 2 mL Yellow capped Bio-one vials (x2) - Label with Lab number - Store at -80 °C or below.
EDTA tube	- Store at -80 °C or below.
Plain clotted blood tube	- Aliquot 1.5 mL serum into each of 2 mL Yellow capped Bio-one vials (x2) - Label with Lab number - Store at -80 °C or below.
Guthrie filter paper	- Store at -80 °C or below.
Urine	- Store at -80 °C or below.