

Red Blood Cell Pit Score Studies
SAMPLE COLLECTION AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

The laboratory will provide the collection tubes.
Please keep tubes refrigerated until use.

To collect sample:

- Immediately after blood draw, add one drop (about 30 µl) of whole blood into special collection tube (1% glutaraldehyde). Please **DO NOT** add more than one (1) small drop. Make sure cap is on securely.
- **MIX GENTLY BUT THOROUGHLY**. If this is not done, cells will clump together, and sample will be unreadable.
- Store at 4°C.

Shipping:

- Ship overnight Monday through Thursday (for receipt Tuesday through Friday) in Styrofoam box with ice packs. **DO NOT FREEZE**.
- Please notify the lab prior to sending samples.
- Address:

**Attn: Shabnam Tavassoli Hemoglobinopathy
Reference Laboratory UCSF Benioff Children's
Hospital Oakland Department of Pathology
and Laboratory Medicine 744 52nd Street,
Oakland, CA 94609**

Please include the following information with *each* sample:

Center, Billing Contact Information, Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

MD's Name: _____

Email/FAX information to send report: _____

Patient's Name: _____ Patient's DOB: _____

Patient's Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Patient's Diagnosis: _____

Sample Collection Date/Time: _____

Please indicate if this sample was obtained: ☐ pre-transplant

☐ 1 yr post-transplant

☐ 2 yr post-transplant