

**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 small drop (about 30 µl) of whole EDTA blood to collection tube. 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.

To ship sample:

- 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.
- Ship specimen to the address below:

**Attn: Shabnam Tavassoli
Hemoglobinopathy Reference Laboratory
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland
747 52nd Street, Oakland, CA 94609
Phone: (510) 450-7688**

Please include the following information with *each* sample:

Center, Billing information, email address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

MD's Name: _____

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

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

Sample Collection Date: _____

Please indicate if this sample was obtained: pre-transplant

1 yr post-transplant

2 yr post-transplant