

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING AND MAILING SAMPLES FOR GRA SCREENING

Screening Instructions

Please note that we cannot accept samples that are HIV and/or Hepatitis positive!

For Adults: Draw 20 ml of blood in a yellow top (acid citrate/dextrose), or lavender top (EDTA) tube. When using EDTA tubes, mix thoroughly to dissolve the EDTA crystals.

Pediatrics: Draw 5 ml of blood in yellow or lavender top tube.

DNA: When sending DNA, please send a minimum of 20 micrograms for analysis

* Label sample with the subject's name, date of birth, and referring M.D. name.

* Complete the attached clinical history form with the subject. Allow the subject to read and sign the attached consent form. They may call the toll free number below with any questions.

* **IMPORTANT:** You must **INCLUDE** one copy of the **clinical history sheet and consent form** *with* the blood sample to Yale University (information below). You must also fax a copy of the **clinical history sheet and consent form** to the GRA Registry at: (617) 732-5764 **OR WE CANNOT PROCESS SAMPLE!!!**

Shipping Instructions

* Ship samples at **room temperature** to the following address on the day it is drawn via **Fed Ex Standard Overnight**. Avoid Friday shipments of samples as the lab is closed on weekends. If necessary, refrigerate blood drawn on Friday for shipment on Mondays.

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* Please bill our Federal Express Account #0065-0019-6, Internal Reference #VIP 1258760.

* Tube breakage should not be a problem, provided some amount of care is taken in packing the sample. Please see the following page for more detailed packaging instructions.

* **International Samples:** A letter must be attached to the outside of the package (in triplicate) stating the following: (1) The specimen is a human biological sample, and (2) it is non-infectious and non-hazardous.

ANY QUESTIONS???

Contact the GRA Registry at: (800) 722-5520 ext. 25011 or Reena Doshi at **Rdoshi1@partners.org**. You can also visit our website at **www.bwh.partners.org/gra**.