

PUNCH BIOPSY SAMPLE COLLECTION & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

When the kit is received:

1. Take the 15mL tube of the RPMI media and refrigerate until the time of the biopsy.
2. The Koolit refrigerant pack can be discarded.
3. RPMI media should be used by the expiration date printed on the label.

At the time of the biopsy:

1. Collect 1-2 4mm punch biopsies.
2. The punch biopsies should be placed into the 15mL tube of RPMI media and submerged.
3. Place the lid back on the 15mL tube and close **tightly**. Please ensure that the cap is screwed on **evenly** and **completely** to avoid any leaking. Wrap the tube cap tightly with parafilm to prevent leaking during transit.
4. Samples should be sent the **same day** as the biopsy.
5. Fill out the provided label using permanent marker (if available) with patient's name and date of birth and place the label on the side of the 15mL tube (one label is sufficient).

The sample will be rejected if any of the following items are missing:

- Completed test requisition form signed by healthcare provider and patient
- Completed payment information
- Specimen tube labeled with patient name and date birth

To order GeneDx specimen collection kits, email us at zebras@genedx.com or call us at **301-519-2100**.

NOTE: Published turn-around times do not apply when submitting fibroblasts due to the time needed to culture cells.

In addition, a fee for cell culture will apply. Email us at zebras@genedx.com or call 301-519-2100 with questions.

6. Place the tube into the biohazard bag and seal. There is an absorbent blotter inside of the biohazard bag in the event of leakage - please do not remove.
7. Insert the **completed** Test Requisition Form (genedx.com/forms) into the second pocket of the biohazard bag.
8. Remove FedEx label from the shipping box.
9. Place sealed biohazard bag and completed Test Requisition Form into the styrofoam cooler.
10. Place the cooler into the shipping box.
11. Place the shipping box inside the FedEx Clinical Pak and seal.
12. Attach the pre-paid FedEx label to the package.
13. Call FedEx for pickup or drop off at a local FedEx location.

Sample is to be shipped at Room Temperature the same day as biopsy.

Note - samples are accepted on Saturdays.

