

Blood as a "normal" sample is NOT acceptable if a patient has undergone a blood transfusion. In this case, SALIVA is recommended as a normal sample.

### COLLECTION:

1. Collect 5-10 mL of whole blood in a 10 ml Lavender Top EDTA BD Vacutainer® blood collection tube. Please note that all tubes do not need to be used.
2. Carefully invert tube 10 times to mix the content.
3. Label tubes with at least 2 patient identifiers (name, DOB, MRN) and date of collection using the provided stickers.

### SHIPPING:

1. Place the blood tube into a biohazard bag with the absorbent paper.
2. Place the blood tube in the appropriate place in the shipping box insert.
3. Please check that all required fields in the provided forms have been completed.
4. Place supporting documentation in the provided plastic bag.
5. Ship the specimen(s) via FedEx on the same day of collection using the provided prepaid shipping label for next day delivery to the BostonGene Lab at 100 Beaver St, Waltham, MA, 02453.

### Questions:

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