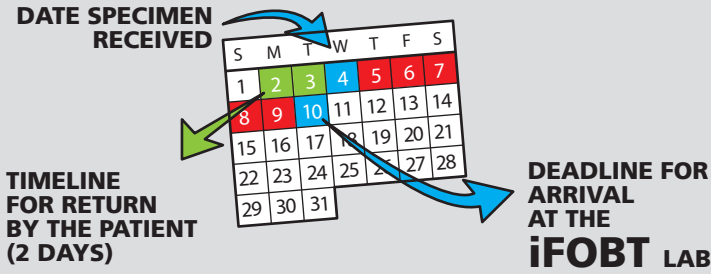


Sending samples to the CIUSSS de l'Estrie – CHUS' iFOBT laboratory

Recommended Procedure

TIMELINE TO BE RESPECTED: 7 DAYS



Samples must arrive at the CIUSSS de l'Estrie – CHUS' iFOBT laboratory **within 7 days of their arrival at your laboratory** (sample is handed in by the patient) to ensure the quality of the analysis.

IMPORTANT: Ensure that the date written on the tube and on the requisition is in fact the **date the specimen was taken** and not the date when the patient handed in the tube or the date the samples were picked up.

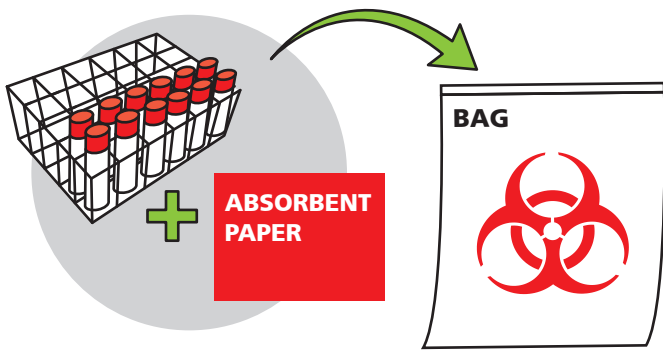
REMINDER: Do not send samples to the CIUSSS de l'Estrie – CHUS' iFOBT laboratory on weekends or statutory holidays.



PREPARING YOUR SAMPLES

1 ARRANGE YOUR SAMPLES IN A RACK

Place your patients' samples in a rack to expedite their processing. Put your racks in a bag marked "BIOHAZARD" and packed with absorbent paper to ensure public safety during transport.

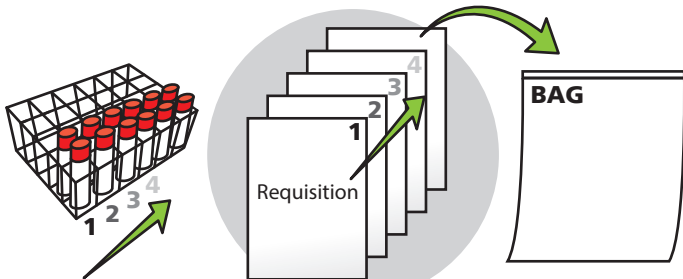


2 ARRANGE AND PROTECT YOUR REQUISITIONS

The requisitions must be arranged in the bag in the same order as the tubes with the samples in the rack (the first requisition corresponding with the tube placed in the 1st rack space).

It is not necessary to number the requisitions or the tubes of samples as they will be arranged in order.

WITHOUT FOLDING THEM, slide all of your requisitions into a single bag. This must not be the same bag as that containing the samples.



PREPARING THE BOX

1 KEEP THE SAMPLES AT 4°C

Use a polystyrene insulated box and add icepacks. Do not use dry ice due to the risk of the samples freezing.



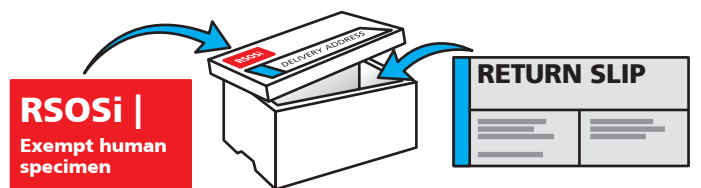
2 STICK THE iFOBT LABEL ON THE BOX

Stick the "iFOBT | Exempt human specimen" label on the top of the box, beside the delivery address (as illustrated). This will result in quicker delivery to the CIUSSS de l'Estrie – CHUS' iFOBT laboratory.

If you wish to reclaim the box and rack, **include a return slip** in the box. Otherwise, the box will be discarded and your rack will not be returned.

Delivery address:

Hôpital Fleurimont, iFOBT laboratory (room 3424-1)
3001, 12^e Avenue Nord – Door 55 (for delivery)
Sherbrooke (Québec) J1H 5N4



! IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEND SAMPLES BY BUS...

You must assume the expense of having a taxi deliver your samples from the bus terminal to the CIUSSS de l'Estrie – CHUS' iFOBT laboratory.



Thank you for helping us reduce the response time for patients by using this procedure to send your samples for a fecal occult blood test (iFOBT).

INFORMATION : 819 346-1110, ext. 18210