HOW TO TAKE BLOOD SAMPLES

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Requires 2 members of staff

Pre-label blood sample tubes **before** entering room

With the exception of Group and Save samples which must be handwritten at the bedside.

In this circumstance **please leave pen in patient room** once labelling complete or ensure it is cleaned with 70% isopropyl alcohol after use.

HCW 1 puts on PPE and goes into patient room and takes samples as normal

HCW 2 wears gloves and waits outside of room- no need for full PPE

Once samples obtained, HCW 1 informs colleague outside of room who can open door

Ensure patient details are correct (Name and DOB)

HCW 1 drops samples into clear specimen bags held by HCW 2 at the door to the room, without touching the bag or colleague

HCW 2 holds out sharps box and sharps are dropped into this by HCW 1

HCW 1 then goes back into room non-sharps waste can be put in clinical waste stream

HCW 1 doff PPE in room, perform hand hygiene

To get the samples to the lab, the samples should **be DOUBLE BAGGED** and can then be treated in the same way as other routine laboratory specimens

Be aware that precious samples such as pathology specimens and CSF as well as respiratory and faecal samples (evidence is that there is virus in both samples types) should not be sent by vacuum tube; these samples should be transported by porter.

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This guidance is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guidance, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following guidance, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

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