**Advice on the Sample Requirements & Transport to the Laboratory**

## **Samples must be labelled with:**

* patient's full name (surname / family name and given/individual name)
* date of birth and unique NHS/hospital number
* date of collection.

Specimens should be placed in the appropriate container and must be securely fastened. This must be placed in the clear plastic bag and sealed.

**For Histology / Cytology samples PLACE REQUEST FORM IN THE POCKET - NOT IN THE BAG WITH THE SAMPLE**

These samples must be delivered by hand to the laboratory and **not via the pod vacuum transport system:**

Any Histology or Cytology samples

150ml urine pots

CSF samples and precious samples

Respiratory Samples

**Any Unrepeatable samples**

**PLEASE NOTE FOR POD SUITABLE SAMPLES: The air tube may take up to 45 minutes to deliver a sample to its location. If you require results quickly it may be best to hand deliver the sample to the laboratory.** **Please do not over fill the carriers!!**

Further information can be found on the link on Staff Room: Search for:

**Laboratory Medicine Services: General Information: Information for Health Care Professionals**

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Here you will also find a link to: Transportation of Samples and Postage.