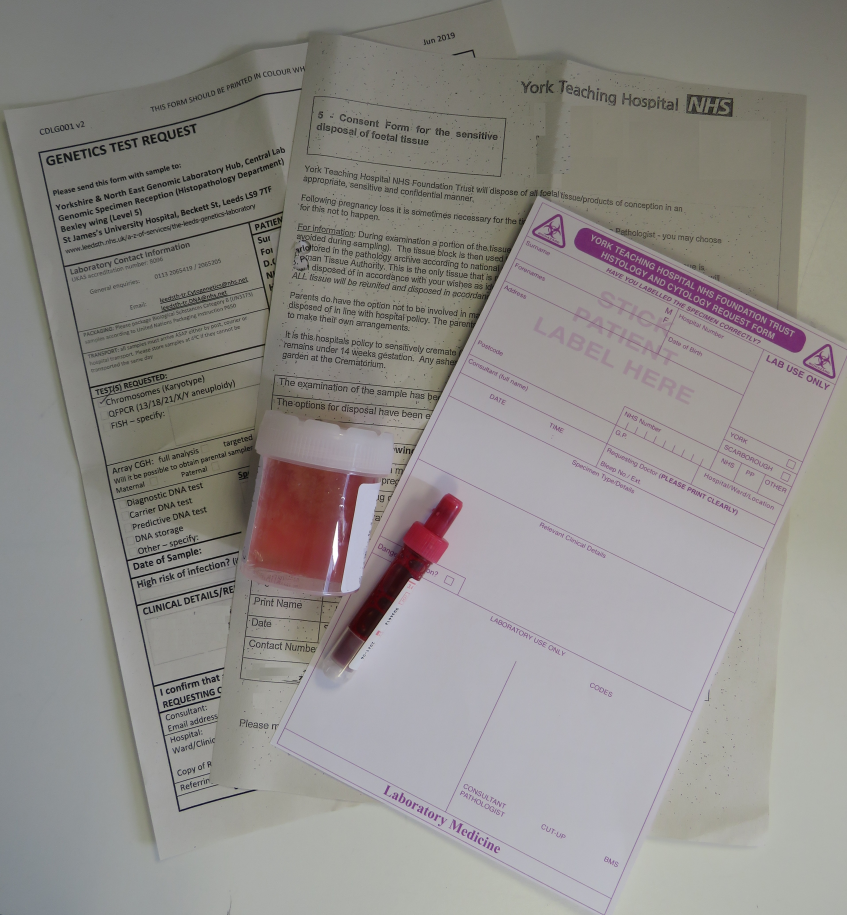
**Specimens that require testing at the Regional Cytogenetics Centre, Leeds**

During routine Histology hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm excluding bank holidays), tissue specimens that are needed to be sent to Cytogenetics, can be sent to the Histology department, 3rd floor Laboratory Medicine preferably in an **UNIVERSAL** (available from specimen reception) filled with SALINE, +/-vial of maternal blood.

Specimens for Cytogenetics **MUST NOT** be sent in FORMALIN.

Cytogenetic specimens **MUST** be received with:



1. Completed Cytogenetics form (available from the link below)
2. For specimens that require routine Histology as well as genetic testing, for example, placenta/products of conception, a completed Histology request form is required (available from Specimen reception)
3. If POC specimen, a completed sensitive disposal consent form (available from - <http://staffroom.ydh.yha.com/clinical-Directorate-Information/master-clinical-document-library/laboratory-medicine/sensitive-disposal-of-products-of-conception-foetal-tissue-policy>

If a specimen is collected ***out of hours (after 5pm over the weekend/bank holiday)****,* please store in a local refrigerator (tissue specimen in SALINE **AND** blood vial), and transport to Histology at the earliest time the next working day (Cytogenetics are also closed out of routine hours).

Further information can be found at: <https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/a-z-of-services/the-leeds-genetics-laboratory/constitutional-genetics/constitutional-cytogenetics/tissue-samples/>