# **Shipping Preparation**

## When to schedule your shipment

• Ship your sample on the same day as collection. You must ship on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday ONLY as the sample must reach the laboratory within 48 hours of collection.

## When you are ready to ship

- Ensure that the following information is provided;
- Personal Information Form: make sure the form is completed and edit if necessary.
- Pro-forma Invoices: please sign and date the bottom of both copies of the supplied invoices. Please place one of your invoices into the transparent envelope and stick the envelope to the box (the other one is handed to the driver).

# **Prepare your shipment:**

- Retrieve your refrigerated gel cooling packs from the fridge and place one of them into the bottom of the styrofoam box.
- Place the bio-hazard bag containing your samples into the padded envelope along with your Service Order Form and seal.
- Place the padded envelope into the styroafoam box and then place the second refrigerated gel cooling pack on top of the padded envelope along with your completed Personal Information Form.
- Place the stryrofoam box into the supplied cardboard box and ship. Further shipping instructions
  of how to schedule the courier will be provided over email, please follow these instructions.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need support in understanding the test and instructions, please call our support team on +45 33 75 10 00 or email info@nordic-labs.com.



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# TruCheck/TruBlood/Chemoscale



# **Welcome To Your Test Kit**

You have chosen to do a TruCheck, TruBlood Or a Chemoscale Test from Nordic Laboratories which will provide information to help you on your personal health journey.

IMPORTANT SHIPPING INFORMATION - YOU MUST SHIP YOUR SAMPLES ON THE SAME DAY AS COLLECTION: on a MONDAY or TUESDAY ONLY

You MUST contact us for your return shipping documents **BEFORE** arranging the blood draw and before starting your test kit.

# Please follow the below steps:

- · Email to support@nordicvms.com
- · Subject: TruCheck Waybill Request.
- Supply your full name, telephone number and physical address (including country) of where
  the test kit will be shipped back from (the shipping company will collect from you).
- Shipping documents will be emailed to you, for you to print out.
- Further instructions of how to schedule the courier pick up will be provided over email.

#### Important:

Please note that the blood draw procedure for this test needs to be carried out by a doctor or phlebotomist. Please read the Shipping Preparation and Shipping Instruction thoroughly before booking a blood draw appointment.

# **Check Your Kit**

# **Shipping Materials**

- Box containing the collection kit (keep this box for returning your samples)
- Styrofoam box with lid (keep this box for returning your samples)
- 2 Gel cooling packs (refrigerate, min 12-24 hours) DO NOT FREEZE
- Padded envelope
- Shipping Instruction (this will be emailed)
- Personal Information Form
- Service Order form (complete and sign)
- Return shipping documents (these will be emailed to you)
- Transparent envelope

# **Collection Materials**

- 1 x Blood collection pack
- 3 x Lavender-capped tubes (numbered 1-3)
- 1 x Bio-hazard bag with absorbent pad

If any items are missing or expired, please call +44 (0)15 80 20 16 87 or email testkits@nordicgroup.eu

**Please note:** if the collection instructions are not followed carefully, it may lead to delay in the results or re-collection which will involve further costs.

# **Preparation**

# When to schedule your collection

- Book your blood draw appointment on a Monday OR Tuesday ONLY before 1pm as the samples
  must be shipped on the same day as collection and must arrive at the laboratory within 24 hours of
  collection.
- You must make the doctor or phlebotomist aware of the Shipping Preparation and Shipping Instruction included with this test when booking your appointment.
- On the day of your blood draw, and before attending your appointment, please call the shipping company (see Shipping Instruction) before 1pm to arrange for a courier to collect your samples from the address of your doctor or phlebotomist.
- The shipping company have a 3-hour time frame to make the pick-up, please tell them that your package needs to be collected before 5pm.

## Provide the following information

· Personal Information Form: verify that the information on the form is correct and edit if needed.

#### **Prior to Collection**

- TruBlood OR Chemoscale: you MUST fast for six hours prior to blood draw. Do not eat solid food. Drink only water when necessary.
- · Trucheck: you do not need to fast.
- Refrigerate both gel cooling packs for a minimum of 12-24 hours prior to attending your blood draw appointment. You MUST take your gel cooling packs along to your blood draw appointment.

## **Important Note:**

- Never discontinue medication without first consulting your practitioner.
- Do not centrifuge the blood specimen in ANY of the tubes.
- Samples are to be shipped on the same day as collection.
- The whole blood samples must be shipped between temperatures of +2°C to +8°C.
- Do not use specimen collection tubes after expiration date.
- Samples MUST reach the labortatory within 48 hours of collection.

#### **Important:**

The blood draw procedure is for professional use i.e. the information is for the doctor or phlebotomist on how to take the sample.

# Figure 1\*

# For professional use i.e. this information is for the doctor or phlebotomist on how to invert samples:

One sample inversion requires the tube to be rotated through 180 degrees in one direction, then
rotated back through 180 degrees in the opposite direction. Inadequate or delayed mixing may
result in inaccurate test results. Mix Gently, DO NOT shake.



**Important:** please complete all details on the Service Order Form and ensure that you sign and date BOTH pages of the form, including the date and time of collection. Without your signature on both pages the test cannot be carried out. Once completed, please fold the form and put into the padded envelope along with your completed samples.

# **Collection Procedure**



#### Step 1:

Write the patient's full name, date of birth, gender and the date and time of collection on the labels attached to the tubes. Also note the date of the collection on the Personal Information Form.

**Important:** To ensure accurate test results the requested information must be provided.



## Step 2:

Prepare the patient for venepuncture procedure. Perform venepuncture with vacutainer needle attached to the holder. ALL tubes must be filled during the same phlebotomy session starting with tube numbered '1' and ending with tube numbered '3'.



#### Step 3:

Collect blood using provided lavender-capped tubes. Starting with tube numbered '1' and ending with tubes numbered '3'.



#### Step 4:

Perform 8-10 gentle inversions of the lavender-capped tubes as shown in figure 1 on page two.\*



#### Step 5:

Place ALL tubes into the bio-hazard bag. Your samples are now ready to ship. **IMPORTANT:** The blood tubes must not be in contact with any frozen surface