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Coombe Women & Infant's University Hospital Blood Transfusion Laboratory Service – Testing of Blood Group Samples for Patients undergoing Medical Terminations

The CWIUH Blood Transfusion Laboratory will accept samples for Blood Group from General Practitioners and community based services for women within the Dublin Midland Hospital Group catchment area who are seeking termination of pregnancy.

The purpose of this Blood Group is to identify women who are RhD Negative and who will require prophylactic Anti-D as part of their termination treatment.

Blood Group

Samples for blood group will be accepted from primary care for this purpose only provided they meet all of the following criteria. We recommend informing the blood transfusion laboratory (Tel: 01 4085279) when samples are being sent.

Specimen	Request form
7.5ml Sarstedt or 6mL Vacuette EDTA tube (Pink/Red Top)	Details of the GP, full address, and contact number
All details must be handwritten and the tube signed by the person taking the sample	Clinical details: Gestation is most important. Please indicate any Anti-D administrations within last 3 months
Patient Full Name	Patient Full Name
Date of Birth	Date of Birth
1 st line of address OR Eircode	Complete address (with Eircode if used on sample)

Where the samples and request forms do not conform to these requirements testing will not be possible. Sample labelling deviations are not permissible.

Specimen transport

Specimens may be transported to the Blood Transfusion Laboratory, CWIUH, Dublin 8. As there is no hospital provided courier service, sample transport to the CWIUH will need to be arranged by the primary care service.

Return of results

We are currently in the process of setting up reporting through Healthlinks. In the interim we will phone the results of the blood group and return a paper copy of the report by post.

If your patient is RhD Negative

Anti-D Ig prophylaxis is recommended from 7 weeks gestation following therapeutic termination of pregnancy to prevent sensitisation and to safeguard any further pregnancy. Currently patients may attend the Emergency Room at the CWIUH between 9 and 11 am from Monday to Friday for Anti-D Administration. There is no requirement to pre-book for this service however patients should only attend during these hours.

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Blood Group for TOP GP Information Sheet	Approved by: M Ring

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