

NIHR Leicester Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Unit

Work Instruction: GENVASC Study Sampling Process

1. When the patient presents to have blood samples taken, check to see if they have consented to take part in the GENVASC study.
2. This should be done by checking that the GENVASC samples have been requested on Sunquest ice and that there is a signed and dated consent form completed by the participant.
3. If the blood samples have been requested on Sunquest ice, but there is no signed and dated consent form, a copy should be printed out from the participant's medical notes or a copy taken of the consent form held in the Site File.
4. If there is NO consent form DO NOT TAKE THE GENVASC SAMPLES.
5. Take the blood samples as requested. **If taking clinical samples at the same time, these must be taken first.** For the GENVASC samples take 3: 2.7ml EDTA samples (red), followed by 1: 4.9ml Serum samples (brown).
6. Label the GENVASC samples with the patient's details.
7. Attach a GENVASC sticker to the front of the sample bag and place the GENVASC samples inside. If it has not been possible to collect all of the samples, send only what has been obtained. It is not necessary to send the empty bottles. Attach the consent form to the sample bag and send to UHL Department of Haematology and Biochemistry using the same method used for sending the clinical samples.
8. If it has not been possible to obtain any GENVASC samples, just attach the GENVASC sticker and consent form to the sample bag and send it with no bottles in to the UHL Department of Haematology and Biochemistry.
9. It is not necessary to document in the Deviation Log if not all of the samples are obtained.