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Reproductive medicine investigations – Instructions (HA)

1. Instructions to doctors (HA) on sending samples

1.1 Complete “Request Form for Laboratory Studies (PRIVATE)” (TYH-REQ-LAB-PRIV) with the following information:
- Patient details (patient’s demographics, HKID or document ID, PDC/clinic/hospital no.)
- Referring doctor details (name of referring doctor, contact details and address for report)
- Specimen details (nature of specimen, date and time of sampling)
- Test(s) requested
- Clinical details (information needed for examination performance and results interpretation may include patient’s ancestry, family history).

Important note:
- a) Obtain patient consent for sample collection and/or storage, with a separate consent for genetic testing if applicable.
- b) Send specimen in appropriate containers labelled with at least two patient’s identifiers.
- c) The collected blood sample shall reach the laboratory within 48 hours, counting from the time of blood collection. If the sample cannot be sent to the laboratory on the day of blood collection, please keep it at the door of refrigerator (4°C).

1.2 Sample delivery

Samples are sent to PDL via hospital portering service.

1.3 Tests and specimen collection

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<tr>
<th>Laboratory test</th>
<th>Nature of specimen</th>
<th>Container (provided upon request)</th>
<th>Specimen volume</th>
<th>Turn-around time*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Karyotype</td>
<td>Peripheral blood</td>
<td>Heparin</td>
<td>2 mL</td>
<td>18 calendar days</td>
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<td>Y-microdeletion</td>
<td>Peripheral blood</td>
<td>EDTA</td>
<td>3 mL</td>
<td>18 calendar days</td>
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*Turn-around time may vary and be subjected to the quality and the quantity of the received specimen.

2. Rejection of sample

A specimen may be rejected when the following condition is observed:
- unlabelled or incorrectly labelled
- specimen container leaks
- not suitable for analysis (e.g. using incorrect container, frozen specimen, hemolysed blood, peripheral blood from subject having recent blood transfusion or taking immunosuppressive drugs, etc.)
- specimen cannot reach the laboratory within 48 hours after blood collection.

In such events, you will be contacted for further actions.
3. Reporting

   All reports will be faxed and sent to your office by messengers.

4. Payment method

   - QMH
     Instruct patient (with the completed HKU Charging Form) to pay at QMH/TYH Shroff. Send copy of payment receipt, specimen and request form to PDL, TYH via hospital portering service.
   - Other HA hospitals
     Instruct patient to write a crossed cheque in Hong Kong Dollars payable to “Hospital Authority – Queen Mary Hospital”, or “醫院管理局 - 瑪麗醫院”.

     Send the crossed cheque along with the completed HKU Charging Form, the samples and request form to PDL via hospital portering service, where the charging form can be obtained upon request.

     Alternative payment method requires prior arrangement with the laboratory.

5. Address and contact information

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   **Laboratory opening hours:**
   Monday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:30pm
   Saturday: 9:00am - 12:30pm, (closed on public holidays & Sundays)

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