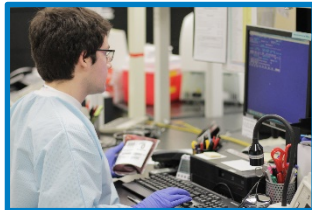


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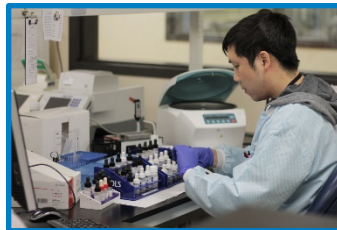
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## **SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK MISSION STATEMENT**

Saving lives with quality blood services in partnership with the community.

### **QUALITY STATEMENT**

San Diego Blood Bank is committed to meet or exceed the quality requirements of our customers and of federal, state and local regulatory agencies as well as AABB Standards. This commitment will be achieved and maintained by training and developing our personnel and by measuring and evaluating our results to provide continuous improvement of our blood services management and operating systems.

### **PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

We are committed to protecting the privacy of patient records. All records that have confidential medical information are handled in a way that ensures the privacy and security of those records. Unauthorized persons do not have access to patient information.



## CLIENT INFORMATION FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- All specimens require two unique forms of identification.  
Example: full name and medical record number or date of birth.
- Date collected. All specimens must carry the collection date.
- All specimen information must match the information on the submitted consultation request form.



**Important** On computer generated labels, ensure entire patient name prints on label. Name on specimens must match request form.

## SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- Proper patient identification on specimen(s).
- Adequate volume of specimen for requested test.
- Properly sealed, intact specimen containers.
- Accompanying order/consultation form with complete information.
- Specimens are unacceptable if grossly hemolyzed except in cases where in vivo hemolysis is suspected (e.g., transfusion reaction or hemolytic anemia).

## STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

**Storage:** Refrigerate prior to transport. Do not freeze red cells.

**Transport:** Protect from extreme temperatures.

## PATIENT PREPARATION

None required.

## TURNAROUND TIMES

Routine ..... 48 - 72 hours

ASAP .....24 hours

STAT.....8 hours

Molecular ..... 7 - 10 days

Red Cell

Genotyping

Final Reports ..... 7 - 10 business days

*All turnaround times are measured from the time samples are received by the testing laboratory.*



## TEST INFORMATION

TEST	ABO-Rh Blood Group
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 5 -7 mL EDTA whole blood (purple or pink top tube) less than 10 days old.
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.  DO NOT FREEZE RED CELLS. DO NOT DRAW IN SERUM SEPARATOR TUBES.
TEST USE	Determination of ABO and Rh(D) antigens and antibodies in patients who may require the transfusion of blood or blood components; to identify patients who may be candidates for Rh Immune Globulin.
LIMITATIONS	Aged red cells may exhibit weaker reactivity than fresh red cells.

TEST	Rh Phenotype
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 5 -7 mL EDTA whole blood (purple or pink top tube) less than 10 days old.
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.  DO NOT FREEZE RED CELLS. DO NOT DRAW IN SERUM SEPARATOR TUBES.
TEST USE	Determination of probable Rh genotype; includes D, C, E, c, e.
LIMITATIONS	Reliable results may not be obtained in patients who have received red cell transfusions in the previous three months.



## TEST INFORMATION

TEST	Direct Antiglobulin Test
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 5 -7 mL EDTA whole blood (purple or pink top tube) less than 3 days old.
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.  Exceptions will be made with hemolyzed samples if being submitted to investigate possible in vivo hemolysis, e.g., in the case of a possible hemolytic transfusion reaction.  DO NOT FREEZE RED CELLS. DO NOT DRAW IN SERUM SEPARATOR TUBES.
TEST USE	Used to determine if red blood cells have been coated in vivo with immunoglobulin, complement, or both.
LIMITATIONS	Testing on red blood cells from a clotted sample may result in false positive reactions due to the in vitro uptake of complement.

TEST	Red Cell Antibody Screen
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 10 mL clotted whole blood (plain red top tube). EDTA whole blood is acceptable (purple or pink top tube).
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.
TEST USE	Detection of red cell antibody(s) in patients who may require the transfusion of blood or blood components. Prenatal screen for possible maternal-fetal incompatibilities.
LIMITATIONS	Does not completely ensure the absence of all blood group antibodies, nor detect all maternal-fetal incompatibilities.



## TEST INFORMATION

TEST	<b>Red Cell Antibody Identification</b>
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	<p>Two 10 mL clotted whole blood (plain red top tubes) and two 10 mL EDTA whole blood (purple or pink top tube).</p> <p>Please consult with the Immunohematology Reference Laboratory regarding sample volume necessary for the investigation of autoantibodies.</p>
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	<p>Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.</p> <p>Exceptions will be made with hemolyzed samples if being submitted to investigate possible in vivo hemolysis, e.g., in the case of a possible hemolytic transfusion reaction.</p> <p><b>DO NOT FREEZE RED CELLS. DO NOT DRAW IN SERUM SEPARATOR TUBES.</b></p>
TEST USE	<p>Identification of red blood cell antibody(s) in patients who may require the transfusion of blood or blood components, or in prenatal samples for possible maternal-fetal incompatibility.</p> <p>Includes ABO and Rh blood groups, Direct Antiglobulin Test, red cell antibody identification by various methods. Additional testing may be required depending on the antibody complexity.</p>
LIMITATIONS	<p>Does not completely ensure the absence of all blood group antibodies, nor detect all maternal-fetal incompatibilities.</p>





## TEST INFORMATION

TEST	Red Cell Antibody Titer
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 10 mL clotted whole blood (plain red top tube) and one 7 mL EDTA whole blood (purple or pink top tube).
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.  DO NOT FREEZE RED CELLS. DO NOT DRAW IN SERUM SEPARATOR TUBES.
TEST USE	Semi quantitative method used to determine the concentration of antibody in a serum, e.g., estimation of antibody activity in alloimmunized pregnant women to assist in monitoring clinically significant antibodies.
LIMITATIONS	Comparison of results is only valid when the same methodology is used.

**Note:** Antibody identification must be performed prior to performing this test. There will be additional charges.

TEST	Eluate
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 5-7 mL EDTA whole blood (pink or purple top tube) collected within 3 days. Must be a minimum of 2 mL red cells.
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.  DO NOT FREEZE RED CELLS. DO NOT DRAW IN SERUM SEPARATOR TUBES.
TEST USE	Resolution of positive Direct Antiglobulin Test.
LIMITATIONS	Red cells from samples stored longer than 3 days may yield less potent eluates than those from freshly drawn samples.



## TEST INFORMATION

TEST	Red Cell Antigen Profile – Molecular (LDT)
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 3-7 mL EDTA whole blood (pink or purple top tube) less than 14 days old. A buccal sample or cord blood sample can be sent with IRL approval.
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.
TEST USE	<i>In vitro</i> diagnostic test intended for the molecular determination of allelic variants that predict erythrocyte antigen phenotypes in blood group systems in human genomic DNA. The test also detects the Hgb S mutation in the beta globin gene. The results from this mutation detection are not intended for the diagnosis of sickle cell disease.
LIMITATIONS	New mutations that inactivate gene expression or new variant alleles may not be identified in this assay. The genotype obtained from DNA from leukocytes may differ from that of other tissues in persons with a history of transplantation.

TEST	Platelet Crossmatch by Solid-Phase Red Cell Adherence
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	One 10 mL clotted whole blood (plain red top tube) or one 10 mL EDTA whole blood (pink or purple top tube) less than 14 days old.
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	Specimens are unacceptable if contaminated with IV fluid, grossly hemolyzed, of inadequate volume, or improperly labeled.
TEST USE	Pretransfusion test in patients with platelet refractoriness due to alloimmunization.
LIMITATIONS	Does not determine platelet antibody specificity or differentiate HLA Class I antibody from platelet antibody.



## TEST INFORMATION

TEST	Hospital Inventory Search for Red Cell Phenotypes
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	NA
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	NA
TEST USE	Provided as a tool to assist in locating RBC units for testing.
LIMITATIONS	These red cell antigen results reflect historic information and are provided only as a tool to assist in locating units for testing. They may have been tested with unlicensed antisera and are not to be considered test of record. Antigen tests must be performed by the ordering facility prior to use for transfusion.

TEST	Red Blood Cell Antigen Negative Donor RBC
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	NA
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	NA
TEST USE	Serologic test used in providing donor RBC that are negative for requested red blood cell antigens for transfusion in patients who have produced clinically significant red blood cell antibodies.
LIMITATIONS	Licensed antisera are not available for all blood group antigens.

Request RBC using **FRM 2800135, IRL Request for Antigen Negative Red Blood Cells.**

TEST	Hemoglobin S Screen
SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS	NA
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	NA
TEST USE	Qualitative test used in screening for Hemoglobin S negative donor units intended for transfusion.
LIMITATIONS	This test is not for diagnostic purposes in the evaluation of patient samples.



### Immunoematology Consultation Request

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Please call the IRL before sending specimens.
2. Submit 10-20cc of clotted blood and 10-20cc of anticoagulated blood.  
*For recently transfused patients, submit pretransfusion red cells if available.*
3. Send blood in stoppered tubes that prevent leakage. Do not use tubes with serum separators.
4. Label each tube with patient's first and last names, DOB or MR#, date and time of collection.
5. Complete each item on this form.
6. Mark the container "ATTN: IRL".

**Improperly Labeled Tubes Will Not Be Tested**

**PATIENT INFORMATION**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ MR#: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Hemoglobin / Hematocrit: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Specimen Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordering Physician (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfusion History: Within last 3 months, dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior to last 3 months, dates: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Pregnancies: \_\_\_\_\_ Pregnant Now? \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ History of HDN? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the patient received Rh Immune Globulin? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of injection: \_\_\_\_\_

Known RBC antibody(ies): Anti-D  -C  -E  -c  -e  -K  -S  -s  -Fy<sup>a</sup>  -Fy<sup>b</sup>  -Jk<sup>a</sup>  -Jk<sup>b</sup>

Other (list): \_\_\_\_\_

**TEST(S) / INVESTIGATION REQUESTED**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ABO-Rh typing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Antibody Identification                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfusion Reaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Antiglobulin Test | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus and Newborn |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platelet Crossmatch      | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Cell Antigen Genotype (Molecular)*     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |   |   |

\*Red Cell Antigen Genotype (Molecular) is recommended if a warm autoantibody is identified or patient has been transfused.

<b>Urgency:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Routine (24-48 hours) <input type="checkbox"/> Stat (8 hours) <input type="checkbox"/> ASAP (24 hours) <input type="checkbox"/> Stat <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fees Will Apply</b></p>		<b>Products Requested:</b> Quantity _____ Date & time needed: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CMV Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Hemoglobin S Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Irradiated <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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**RESULTS OF YOUR STUDIES (Attach Copies)**

ABO-Rh Groups: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Antiglobulin Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Method:  LISS     PEG     GEL     OTHER    please list \_\_\_\_\_

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUESTING HOSPITAL:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHONE &amp; FAX REPORT TO :</b></p>
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## RED CELL ANTIGEN FREQUENCY CHART

	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Interesting Facts
ABO	A	ABO1	43%	27%	27%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First blood groups discovered in 1900 by Karl Landsteiner.</li> </ul>
	B	ABO2	9%	20%	25%	
	AB	ABO3	4%	4%	5%	
	O		44%	49%	43%	
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
Rh	D	RH1	85%	92%	>99%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>52 known antigens.</li> <li>Rh incompatibility still the leading cause of hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn.</li> </ul>
	C	RH2	68%	27%	93%	
	E	RH3	29%	22%	39%	
	c	RH4	80%	96%	47%	
	e	RH5	98%	98%	96%	
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
Kell	K	KEL1	9%	2%	<0.01%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>34 known antigens.</li> <li>Named in 1946 after Mrs. Kelleher who made the first antibody, anti-K.</li> </ul>
	k	KEL2	99.8%	>99%	>99%	
	Kp <sup>a</sup>	KEL3	2%	<0.01%	<0.01%	
	Kp <sup>b</sup>	KEL4	>99%	>99%	>99%	
	Js <sup>a</sup>	KEL6	<0.01%	20%		
	Js <sup>b</sup>	KEL7	>99%	99%	>99%	
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
Duffy	Fy <sup>a</sup>	FY1	66%	10%	99%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Duffy glycoprotein is a receptor for some malarial parasites.</li> <li>Fy(a-b-) red cells resist invasion by <i>P. vivax</i> &amp; <i>P. knowlesi</i>.</li> </ul>
	Fy <sup>b</sup>	FY2	83%	23%	9-18%	
	Fy3	FY3	>99%	32%	99.9%	
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
Kidd	Jk <sup>a</sup>	JK1	77%	92%	72%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Named after John Kidd who suffered from hemolytic disease of the newborn due to anti-Jk<sup>a</sup>.</li> </ul>
	Jk <sup>b</sup>	JK2	74%	49%	76%	
	Jk3	JK3	>99%	>99%		
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
Diego	Di <sup>a</sup>	DI1	0.01%		5-12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Named in 1955 after Mrs. Diego who made the first anti Di<sup>a</sup>.</li> <li>17 of 19 Diego antigens are of low frequency.</li> </ul>
	Di <sup>b</sup>	DI2	>99%	>99%		
	Wr <sup>a</sup>	DI3	<0.01%	0%		
	Wr <sup>b</sup>	DI4	>99%			
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
Lewis	Le <sup>a</sup>	LE1	22%	23%	19-24%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lewis antigens on red cells are greatly reduced during pregnancy.</li> <li>Lewis antibodies are frequently naturally occurring.</li> </ul>
	Le <sup>b</sup>	LE2	72%	55%	72-77%	
	Antigen	ISBT	Caucasian	Black	Asian	
MNS	M	MNS1	78%	74%	79-81%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovered in 1927.</li> <li>Many are sensitive to enzymes.</li> </ul>
	N	MNS2	72%	75%	67%	
	S	MNS3	55%	31%	7-10%	
	s	MNS4	89%	93%	>99%	
	U	MNS5	>99%	99%	>99%	

### REFERENCES

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## ISBT Nomenclature for Red Blood Cell Antigens

ISBT Designation	Antigen or Symbol(s)
ABO1	A
ABO2	B
ABO3	AB
ABO4	A1
RH1	D
RH2	C
RH3	E
RH4	c
RH5	e
RH10	V
RH20	VS
KEL1	K
KEL2	k
KEL3	Kp <sup>a</sup>
KEL4	Kp <sup>b</sup>
KEL6	Js <sup>a</sup>
KEL7	Js <sup>b</sup>
FY1	Fy <sup>a</sup>
FY2	Fy <sup>b</sup>
FY3	Fy3
FY5	Fy5
JK1	Jk <sup>a</sup>
JK2	Jk <sup>b</sup>
JK3	Jk3
MNS1	M
MNS2	N
MNS3	S
MNS4	s
MNS5	U

ISBT Designation	Antigen or Symbol(s)
LU1	Lu <sup>a</sup>
LU2	Lu <sup>b</sup>
DI1	Di <sup>a</sup>
DI2	Di <sup>b</sup>
DI3	Wr <sup>a</sup>
DO1	Do <sup>a</sup>
DO2	Do <sup>b</sup>
DO4	Hy
CO1	Co <sup>a</sup>
CO2	Co <sup>b</sup>
CO3	Co3
YT1	Yt <sup>a</sup>
YT2	Yt <sup>b</sup>
KN1	Kn <sup>a</sup>
KN2	Kn <sup>b</sup>
KN3	McC <sup>a</sup>
KN5	YK <sup>a</sup>

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