Six Steps to Umbilical Cord Collection





6 or more inches of umbilical cord



Drain & discard any blood



Rinse cord exterior with normal saline or sterile water



Pat cord dry, removing any excess fluid



Place cord in a sterile container, apply tamper seal & patient label

If storing at hospital: Refrigerate per protocol

If shipping for testing: See shipping instruction below

Stability:

Frozen (-20°C): 14 day(s)

Unknown

Refrigerated: 7 day(s)

Sterile container (preservative-free)

Room Temp:

Unacceptable Specimens:

- Specimens without cold pack
- Cords soaked in blood or fluids
- Formalin-fixed tissue
- Decomposed tissue

Shipping Instructions:

- Complete the Analysis Requisition and Chain of Custody form
- Place sterile container in specimen bag
- Ship all specimens with ice packs to ensure sample stability during shipping
- Label outside of box "Umbilical Cord"





