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Blood samples/Blood components for other purposes than medical treatment

Information to customers

Material from blood donors are requested for research, educational, developmental and diagnostic purposes, and can be delivered, provided that the hospitals' need of blood components are met.

No deliveries are made during vacations.

New routine from 2023-10-01

For newly added customers and customers whose combica code is no longer valid, new procedures apply when ordering products for research as of 10/01/2023, due to the new Biobank Act (2023:38) which entered into force on 07/01/2023.

Establishment of service agreements for access to products for research is done via Stockholm's medical biobank (SMB), Medical Diagnostics Karolinska. Orders of products for new customers will not be carried out until a valid agreement with SMB and combica code is in place, studiecenterlab.karolinska@regionstockholm.se.

Microbiological tests (HBsAg, anti-HCV, anti-HIV, syphilis antibodies) are performed at every blood donation, and the results are available the day after donation, which shall be taken into account when blood samples or blood components are picked up the same day as donation. The customer will be informed if any of the tests are positive.

Requested information when ordering:

- Responsible person and purpose, together with short information in Swedish for the blood donors, for their approval
- "Diarienummer" for research projects with an ethical approval
- Volume/blood donor and number of samples/blood donor, maximum 20 ml/ donor is allowed
- "Kombikakod" and contact details (combica code is needed for billing of products)

The samples/components are labeled with donation number, for traceability according to legal requirements. No names or other personal data is given. Data about gender and age can be provided, against an administrative fee.

Note that samples/components for research can be kept for 9 months, and shall thereafter be discarded, because keeping of samples/components thereafter needs an agreement on biobanking, due to the legislation. The extra administration to fulfil demands for biobanking is not possible for the staff at the blood donation sites

Blood components:

Order: on electronical form at www.karolinska.se , no later than **10.00 the same day as delivery**, you will get a confirmation by e-mail that the order has been received.

Delivery: Buffy coats from blood donation the same day will be delivered earliest 15.00 at Karolinska Huddinge. Blood components can also be picked up at Karolinska Solna, the estimated time of arrival is 16.00 but depends on the traffic situation, as they are transported from Karolinska Huddinge.

Questions: by e-mail komponentlab.karolinska@regionstockholm.se or tel: 08-123 852 13.

Blood samples:

Order: on electronical form at www.karolinska.se , no later than **12.00 three days before delivery**, you will get a confirmation by e-mail that the order has been received. EDTA-tubes and tubes without additives are available at Blodcentralen, other type of tubes must be provided by the customer.

Delivery: Blood samples can be picked up at Blodcentralen Skanstull, Blodcentralen Hötorget and Blodcentralen Odenplan. Storage of blood samples at other conditions than room temperature shall be noted when ordering.

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