

BLOOD FOR GENETIC TESTING

Blood for Chromosomes should be taken during the day and sent with the help of the ward clerk by first class post to arrive the following morning. (It follows therefore that samples should not be taken on a Friday as there will not be anyone to see them.) Please pre-warn the lab at Guy's that samples have been sent (*8229 or tel:020 7188 7188)

Occasionally it may be necessary to send samples very urgently by courier. This should be authorised or requested by a consultant as it is very expensive and comes out of the UNIT budget. The number for the courier is on the wall adjacent to the ward clerk's desk. If sending urgent samples contact the genetics lab at Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital – short code *8229 or tel:020 7188 7188

For detailed information on how to prepare samples for genetic testing see the website www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/page2045.htm. A copy of the guidelines from the website is available in the drawers on TMBU and SCBU at PRH. There are also information leaflets for parents and families, the informed consent form, and the form which needs to go with these samples.