





## CAPILLARY BLOOD COLLECTION KIT (EDTA)

A capillary blood sample collection kit used for the collection and transportation of samples for laboratory analysis of whole blood and plasma based parameters

This kit contains the materials required for either sample self-collection or collection by a health/social care professional.

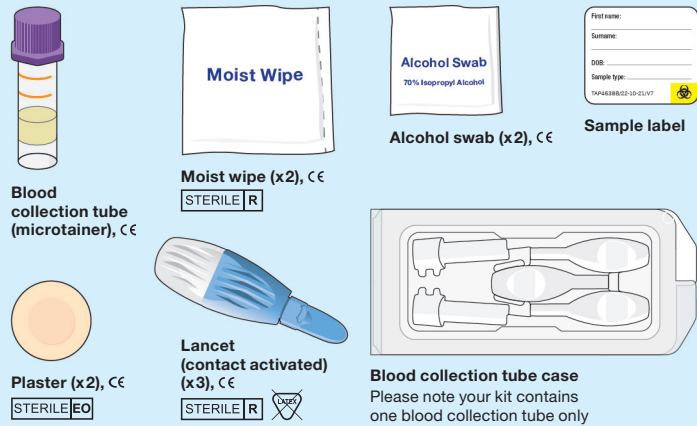
- IVD** For *in vitro* diagnostic use, sample self-collection
- REF** KT354
- CUK  
CPA**
-  Carefully read the enclosed instruction leaflet before use
-  Important: Do not use kit if security seal is broken. Keep out of reach of children
-  Do not re-use
-  For use by persons aged 18 and over

### Sample collection instructions (Steps 1–17)

- Please ensure the kit is within expiry date and read these instructions carefully and completely before attempting to collect the sample.
- If your kit requires online activation, please follow the instructions provided by your healthcare organisation. If you need assistance please contact the healthcare organisation who arranged the test.
- For alternative language versions of these kit instructions please visit [www.tdlpathology.com](http://www.tdlpathology.com)

### Your sample collection kit contents

Please check that the kit contains all of the items outlined below. Do not proceed with sample taking if any items are missing, contact the healthcare organisation who arranged your test for assistance.



#### IMPORTANT!

The BLUE lancet activates on contact when positioned and pressed against the skin. Lancets are for single use only.

#### IMPORTANT!

The blood collection tube case has been designed to provide a stable way of holding the blood collection tube whilst a sample is taken. Please insert the tube as shown above and remove the cap and put it to one side whilst you take your sample.

#### Security Seal

To Open Box - Tear Seal & Lift Flap  
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#### Return security label




#### Return postal envelope



#### Collection kit outer box

## BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION

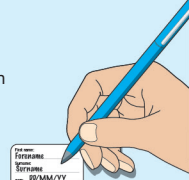
**1** If not already pre-populated please complete the test request form, provided by your doctor/clinic, separate to this kit. **Make sure the sample date is completed.**



**2** Clearly complete the blood collection tube label using a ball point pen with:

- Your First name
- Your Surname
- Your Date of birth
- Sample type: Blood

**Do not affix it to the tube at this stage.**



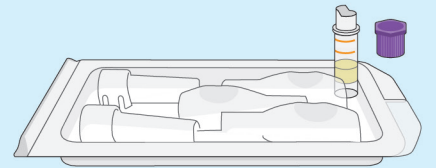
**3 IMPORTANT SAMPLE TRACKING INFORMATION!**

The enclosed postal envelope has a postal tracking label applied. Please make a note of the unique tracking number displayed under the barcode on the postal tracking label, as shown below. Keep this in a safe place for future reference. **You can track delivery of your Royal Mail parcel by entering this number using the following link:** <http://www.royalmail.com/track-your-item>

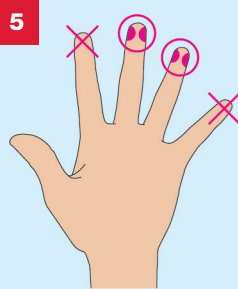


**Write your tracking number here for reference – keep this safe.**

**4** Take the blood collection tube out of the case and insert the tube as shown. Remove the cap and put it to one side whilst you take your sample.

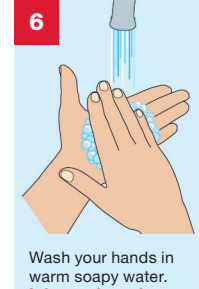


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The best location for collecting a finger prick sample is from the side of your middle or ring finger (see shaded area). Open the pack of lancets.

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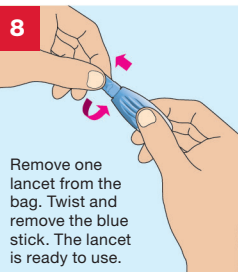
Wash your hands in warm soapy water. **It is much easier to collect your sample if your hands are warm.** Dry them thoroughly with a clean, dry towel.

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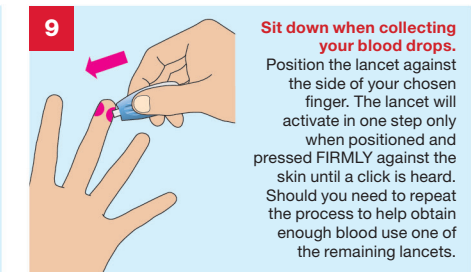
Using the Alcohol Swab clean the selected finger. Wipe dry with a clean tissue. **Be sure your finger is completely dry as blood will not form a drop at the puncture site of a moist finger.**

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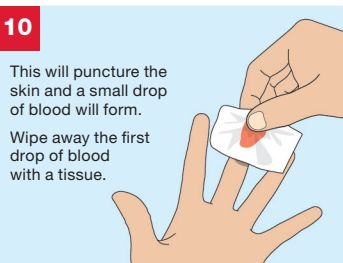
Remove one lancet from the bag. Twist and remove the blue stick. The lancet is ready to use.

**9**



**Sit down when collecting your blood drops.** Position the lancet against the side of your chosen finger. The lancet will activate in one step only when positioned and pressed **FIRMLY** against the skin until a click is heard. Should you need to repeat the process to help obtain enough blood use one of the remaining lancets.

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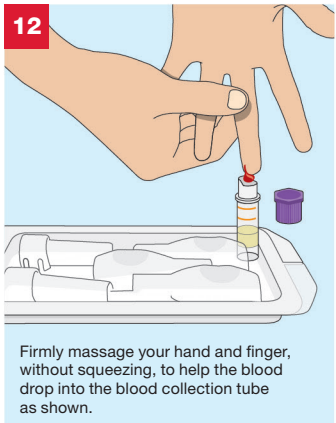


This will puncture the skin and a small drop of blood will form. Wipe away the first drop of blood with a tissue.

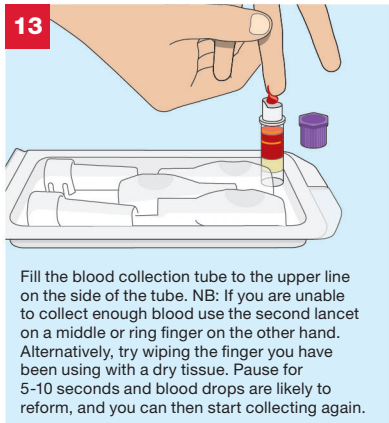
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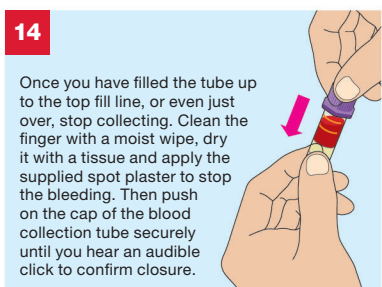
Holding your hand/arm downwards, firmly massage your hand down to your finger, without squeezing, to encourage blood flow.



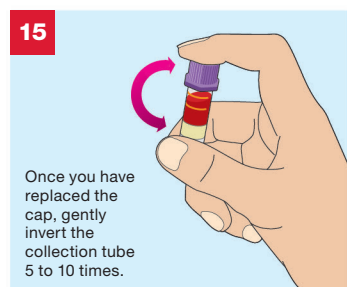
Firmly massage your hand and finger, without squeezing, to help the blood drop into the blood collection tube as shown.



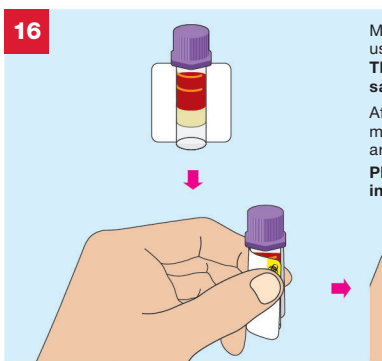
Fill the blood collection tube to the upper line on the side of the tube. NB: If you are unable to collect enough blood use the second lancet on a middle or ring finger on the other hand. Alternatively, try wiping the finger you have been using with a dry tissue. Pause for 5-10 seconds and blood drops are likely to reform, and you can then start collecting again.



Once you have filled the tube up to the top fill line, or even just over, stop collecting. Clean the finger with a moist wipe, dry it with a tissue and apply the supplied spot plaster to stop the bleeding. Then push on the cap of the blood collection tube securely until you hear an audible click to confirm closure.



Once you have replaced the cap, gently invert the collection tube 5 to 10 times.



Make sure your tube is labelled with your details using the blood collection tube label supplied. **This is very important as unlabelled samples cannot be accepted.** Affix the label by placing the tube in the middle of the label and wrapping the label around the tube, as shown below. **Place the collection tube back into the clear case provided.**

## 17 IMPORTANT CHECKLIST

Before you return your sample please do the following:

- Place your completed request form supplied by your doctor/clinic into the postal envelope
- Make sure the blood collection tube is labelled
- Place the blood collection tube and any used and/or spare lancets back into the protective case and firmly close
- Place the protective case into the collection kit outer box
- Close the collection kit outer box firmly and apply the return security label to seal it
- Place the collection kit outer box into the return postal envelope
- Check that you have taken note of your postal tracking number

**You are now ready to seal the postal envelope. Please store at room temperature until posted.**

Please post your sample to **The Doctors Laboratory** as soon as possible (ideally on same day or within 24 hours of sample collection) from **ANY** Royal Mail post box in the UK. No stamp is required within the UK.

If you need assistance please contact The Doctors Laboratory on 020 7307 7373 or email [samples@tdlpathology.com](mailto:samples@tdlpathology.com).

## Warnings and precautions

- This kit is designed for use by persons aged 18 and over and upon request of a healthcare professional or healthcare organisation.
- The kit should not be used by individuals lacking the physical or mental capacity to correctly follow the self-collection instructions. If you have problems please consult with your advising healthcare professional.
- For persons with bleeding or clotting disorders, those taking anti-coagulants, immunosuppressive drugs or undergoing chemotherapy this kit should be used with caution and under the clinical guidance of a healthcare professional.
- Do not affix the label to the blood collection tube until after you have collected your sample. You will not be able to see how much blood you have collected if the label covers the tube.
- The accuracy of your results may be compromised if you do not read and follow the instructions in full.
- Samples arriving at the laboratory which show signs of haemolysis, degradation or general damage or arrive after 6 days of sample taking may not be tested.
- Please note that some medicines or medicinal products may be considered interfering substances for certain biochemical or immunoassay investigations. Please consider the potential impact of interfering substances when interpreting results.
- Where appropriate, out of range, abnormal or positive test results deemed clinically significant should be confirmed with a confirmatory venous sample.

## Materials required but not provided

- **Test request form**  
This will be provided by your healthcare professional or healthcare organisation. **Please complete the request form with your details as instructed.**
- **Clean tissue paper**

Request Form	
Ref Name:	_____
Service:	_____
Sex:	_____
Age:	_____
EXAMPLE	

## Laboratory Tests

- The tests and procedures undertaken by The Doctors Laboratory Limited are verified and performed in line with supplier product instructions for use and supported by additional validation data for use with self-collected capillary blood.
- Test results are provided in line with clinically approved results pathways, agreed between The Doctors Laboratory Limited and the patients designated healthcare professional or healthcare organisation.

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

IVD	For <i>in vitro</i> diagnostic use	Use by end of year-month	UK CA	UK Conformity Assessed
REF	Catalogue number	Manufacturer	CE	EU Conformity Assessed
LOT	Batch code	Temperature limits: 4°–25°C	No re-use	Do not re-use
STERILE R	Sterilized using irradiation	Caution, consult accompanying documents	No latex	Not made with natural rubber latex
STERILE EO	Sterilized using ethylene oxide	Keep away from sunlight	Instructions	Consult instructions for use
Biohazard	Biological risk. Biological sample, treat as potentially infectious	Keep dry	18+	For use by persons aged 18 and over

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