## **GENETIC SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS**

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	SAMPLE SIZE	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	TURN-AROUND TIME
CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS			
AMNIOTIC FLUID For Prenatal Chromosome Studies	20-30 mL Clear yellow fluid	Ship at ambient temperature in securely sealed sterile centrifuge tubes.  Kits available.	10-14 days
PERIPHERAL BLOOD  For Routine Chromosome Analysis, Fragile-X Chromosome Analysis, Extended Banding, Hematologic Disorders	3-5 mL (Adults) 1-3 mL (Pediatric/Newborn)	Collect in <b>Sodium Heparin</b> vacutainer. <b>Refrigerate.</b> DO NOT FREEZE.	7-14 days (STAT Prelim 3 days)
BONE MARROW For Hematologic Disorders	1-2 mL Aspirate	Collect in <b>Sodium Heparin</b> vacutainer. Transfer to MGC Transport Tubes if available. <b>Refrigerate</b> . DO NOT FREEZE.	3-5 days
FRESH TISSUES BIOPSIES PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION: Skin (Full Thickness Biopsy), Lung, Muscle	Minimum 2x2x2 mm  Minimum 4-6 mm <sup>2</sup> Minimum 4 mm <sup>2</sup>	DO NOT TREAT WITH HISTOLOGICAL PRESERVATIVES. Place specimen in MGC Transport Tubes or collect in sterile container with balanced salt solution, Ringer's or isotonic saline. <b>Refrigerate</b> .  DO NOT FREEZE.	14-30 days
D&C Material, Placental Tissue  Minimum 4 mm <sup>2</sup> FLOW CYTOMETRY			
BONE MARROW ASPIRATE	2-3 mL	Collect in <b>Sodium Heparin</b> vacutainer. <b>Refrigerate</b> . DO NOT FREEZE.	24-48 hours
PERIPHERAL BLOOD	5-10 mL	Collect in <b>Sodium Heparin</b> vacutainer. <b>Refrigerate</b> . DO NOT FREEZE.	24-48 hours
FRESH TISSUE BIOPSIES		DO NOT TREAT WITH HISTOLOGICAL PRESERVATIVES.  Place specimen in MGC Transport Tubes or collect in sterile container with balanced salt solution, Ringer's or isotonic saline. Refrigerate.  DO NOT FREEZE.	24-48 hours
FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATE (FNA)	10 Pieces preferred (Minimum of 2 pieces) (2 mm²)	Place specimen in MGC Transport Tubes or collect in sterile container with balanced salt solution, Ringer's or isotonic saline. <b>Refrigerate</b> . DO NOT FREEZE.	24-48 hours
MOLECULAR DNA: PCR / CGH Microarray			
BONE MARROW	3-5 mL (Adults) 1-3 mL (Pediatric/Newborn)	Collect in <b>Sodium Heparin</b> vacutainer. <b>Refrigerate</b> . DO NOT FREEZE.	Variable, 7-10 days
PERIPHERAL BLOOD	3-5 mL (Adults) 1-3 mL (Pediatric/Newborn)	Collect in <b>EDTA</b> vacutainer. <b>Refrigerate</b> . DO NOT FREEZE.	Variable, 7-10 days