

Sample collection instructions

1. Before collection

- Check the Streck tube expiry date. Do not use expired tubes.
- Store unused kits at room temperature (18–30°C).

2. Order of collection

- Follow the correct order of draw when there are multiple tests requested.



3. Draw 7–10 ml

- Ensure the patient reads and signs consent on the *percept* NIPT request form.
- Draw between 7-10mL of blood into a single Streck tube.
- If vein collapse prevents a full draw, use a new tube for a second venepuncture.



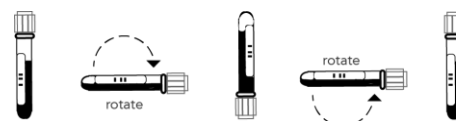
4. Label the tube

- Patients full name, D.O.B, date/time of collection.
- If using a label, leave a 6 mm window so the sample remains visible.



5. Gently mix sample

- Invert the tube gently 10 times immediately after collection.



6. Pack sample

- Place the tube in the absorbent pouch and then into the specimen bag.
- Put the completed request form in the specimen bag pocket.
- Keep blood at room temperature (18-30°C).
- Ship according to site standard transport.