

MOBILE TRAVEL PACK FOR UNI-GOLD

OBJECTIVE: To provide a mechanism for testing at sites where counselors travel on an adhoc basis.

The Uni-Gold™ Recombigen® HIV test kits are to be maintained at temperatures of 2°-27° C (36° - 81°F). Specially designed frig packs have been designed to maintain temperatures of test kits for longer periods of time. If and when the temperature in the main compartment goes out of range, you will use your back-up compartment for testing. If the back-up compartment goes out of temperature range, **testing is no longer permitted.**

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Test Kits, Disposable Fingertick Sample Collection and Transfer Pipettes, Bottle Wash Solution
- Thermal carrying case
- Procedure manual & copy of lab license
- Travel test log
- Paper work (PEMS form, client information, and consent form)
- 3 thermometers: 2 for travel compartments (make sure cable probe is with correct thermometer) and 1 for room temperature.
- 4 (22°C) frig. Packs from the refrigerator – **MUST BE KEPT IN REFRIGERATOR OVERNIGHT BEFORE USE.**
- Sharps container(s)
- Timer
- Lancets, band aids, gauze, alcohol pads
- Phlebotomy supplies
- Preliminary Positive test tubes
- Pen and marker for test labeling

Note: If controls have not been done for the week, or if the storage temperature goes out of range, you must run controls before you start your travel. Log the controls onto the main site log sheet, not the travel log.

PROCEDURE:

1. Packing Travel Carrier: **NEVER mix kits from different lots**

Main Compartment:

You should always take kits from the Return Box first. If there are no kits in the return box, you may take kits from the main site box. Place the kits in the main compartment with a frig pack on either side. Place the thermometer probe under the frig packs and place the test kits inside the compartment. Attach the probe to the thermometer and press the reset button.

Back-up Compartment:

Place the frig packs on either side and insert thermometer probe under the frig packs. Place the test kits inside. For this compartment you should test kits from the main site box, never the return box.

Travel Test Log:

The top portion of the travel test log must be completed before you leave. Do NOT take the main site test log from its primary location.

2. Testing:

For EACH patient, record on the travel log: the room temperature, client identification, start and end time, and the temperature of the compartment that you took the kit(s) from. Testing is performed in the same manner as if you were testing at the primary site.

3. Returning to Main Site:

Test Kits:

All kits from both compartments are placed in the return box EXCEPT if the kits went out of temperature range. If the temperature of the compartment goes out of range, the kits inside go in a separate box: **"OUT OF RANGE"** AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE NJ RAPID HIV TESTING SUPPORT PROGRAM.

Travel Log:

Complete the travel log. Fill in the number of kits used and the number of kits returned. Make sure the min/max temperatures are entered on the bottom of the travel log. On the main log, document the testing information from your travel log (i.e. document the date, CTS number, result and your initials on the main log). Attach the travel log to the main log.

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