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University of California San Diego

Translational Virology Core Protocols

Shipping and Tracking

All clinical specimens will be received, barcode labeled and inventoried at the UCSD Antiviral Research Center (AVRC) laboratory. Specimens will then be sent to the central CFAR Translational Virology Laboratory on the UCSD campus, where they will be processed, aliquoted, and appropriately cryopreserved. Storage location and inventory will be linked to the initial barcode label *and* a laboratory masterbook code. Both the barcode and masterbook code will be unique to the participant, the day and time of collection, and the type of specimen (blood or genital secretion). Specimen inventory and storage databases are linked and will be used for tracking processes between the AVRC and Translational Virology Laboratory. Additionally, it will be documented in the database when specimens are used for various assays or shipped to other laboratories. When results are expected for a particular assay, an estimated date of result will be logged for this assay. This will allow real-time tracking of results. Dr. Smith and Ms. Ignacio will be notified if a result has not been entered by the estimated date.

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