

## **DNA Storage Prior to Testing**

### **Background**

In some instances, it may be desirable to obtain and store a DNA sample before the decision to be tested is made.

### **Ordering**

1. Obtain blood sample.
2. Fill out a Clinical Lab Request - Genetics.  
(Available at <http://depts.washington.edu/labweb/Divisions/MolDiag/MolDiagGen/index.htm>).  
-Request "DNA Preparation Only"
3. Call Laboratory Medicine Community Services (206) 598-6066 to arrange the best method of shipment, or use this shipping address:

Attention: Genetics  
Clinical Lab, Room NW220  
University of Washington Medical Center  
1959 NE Pacific St  
Seattle WA 98195-7110

### **Sample Requirements and Specimen Handling**

Whole blood: EDTA (purple top) - 5 mL.  
Samples should be received within 72 hours of collection.  
Samples may be refrigerated until shipped. Do not spin or freeze.  
Heparin (green top) tubes are not acceptable.