

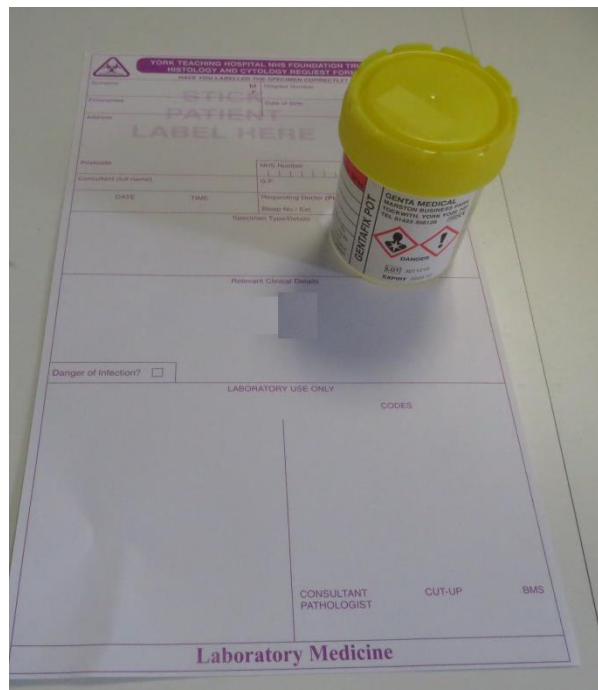
YORK Specimens that require testing at the Haematological Malignancy Diagnostic service (HMDS) in Leeds

LN specimens

- **LN core biopsies** - each site-specific sample should be sent to the Histology laboratory in formalin as pictured (as per HMDS handbook). *The entirety of the specimen should be in formalin and NOT split between formalin and saline.*
- **LN excisions** should be received **fresh** or on a saline soaked gauze (**not fully immersed in saline**).

Marker studies specimens

- **Skin punch biopsies** can be sent to HMDS in **formalin**, as pictured (as per HMDS handbook).
- If **larger skin excisions** are taken for marker studies, please send to the Histology laboratory **fresh** or on a saline soaked gauze (not fully immersed in saline).



*Please note – if a specimen is going to be retrieved out of routine laboratory hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm excluding bank holidays) please liaise with York Histopathology and HMDS as both laboratories work these periods with reduced staff. Further information can be found at: <http://hmds.info/hmds-lab-user-guide>