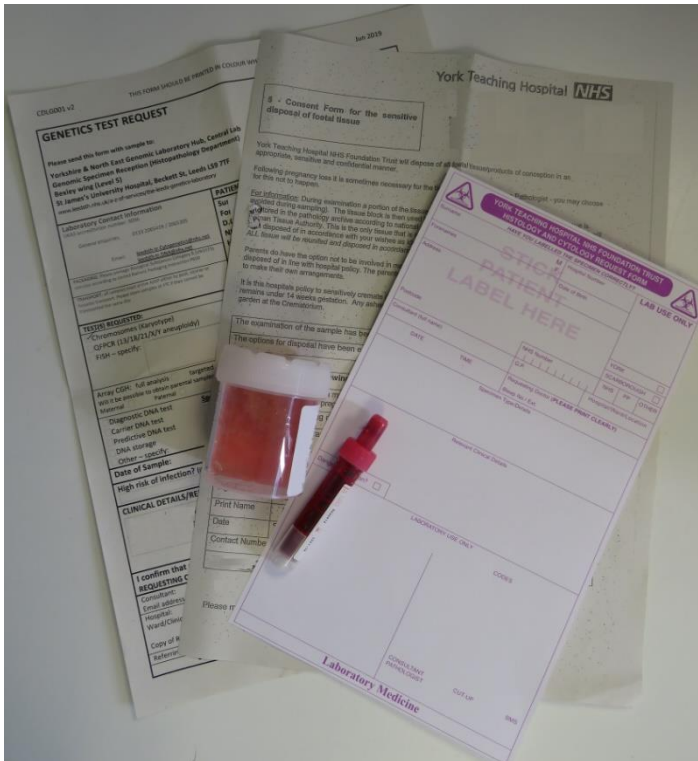


Specimens that require testing at the Regional Cytogenetics Centre in Leeds

During routine Histology hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm excluding bank holidays), tissue specimens that are to be sent to Cytogenetics, can be sent to the Histology department, 3rd floor Laboratory Medicine preferably in a **UNIVERSAL** (available from specimen reception) filled with SALINE, +/-vial of maternal blood.

Specimens for Cytogenetics **MUST NOT** be sent in FORMALIN.

Cytogenetic specimens **MUST** be received with the following (as pictured):



1. Completed Cytogenetics form (available from the link below).
2. A completed Histology request form - for specimens that require routine Histology as well as genetic testing, for example, placenta/products of conception (available from Specimen reception).
3. A completed sensitive disposal form - If the specimen has the potential to contain foetal material eg products of conception (POC). Forms available from the local intranet - <http://staffroom.ydh.yha.com/clinical-Directorate-Information/master-clinical-document-library/laboratory-medicine/sensitive-disposal-of-products-of-conception-foetal-tissue-policy>

If a specimen is collected **out of hours (after 5pm over the weekend/bank holiday)**, please store in a local refrigerator (tissue specimen in SALINE **AND** blood vial), and transport to Histology at the earliest time the next working day (Cytogenetics are also closed out of routine hours).

Further information can be found at: <https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/a-z-of-services/the-leeds-genetics-laboratory/constitutional-genetics/constitutional-cytogenetics/tissue-samples/>