

# Shipping of Placenta

DO NOT FREEZE placenta. Store at 4°C if it cannot be shipped immediately. Enclose fresh placenta in one or more plastic bags and then place inside a sealed plastic container (such as a 1/2 gallon ice cream tub). Wrap again in plastic. Pack with ice packs if possible.

Ship with a courier who guarantees 24 hour delivery (e.g. Federal Express) (Note however that despite guarantees, shipments of packages from the U.S. invariably take 2 days.)

Mark package: **PERISHABLE BIOLOGICAL SPECIMEN, PLEASE RUSH**

For shipments outside of Canada, declare value as 0\$ to prevent delays at customs.

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Please call us (604) 875-3015 (lab number, ask for Jennifer Sloan) or (604) 875-3229 (Wendy Robinson), or fax (604) 875-2496 with any questions. Please use the following information to ship us the sample.

Courier company: Fed-Ex

Please fax over or include in the shipment the following information that is applicable (include photocopies of CVS/amnio/triple screen results):

- Patient name/number
- Birth weight and gestational age
- CVS/amnio diagnosis
- Results of any cytogenetic or molecular test
- Any notable events during pregnancy
- Any congenital abnormalities