



LABORATORY SERVICES COMPATIBILITY TESTING REQUEST FORM

Shreveport Laboratory
Telephone: (318) 673-1466 / (866) 842-3779
Fax: (318) 227-8317

Lake Charles Laboratory
Telephone: (337) 439-5851 / (800) 256-4932
Fax: (337) 494-3853

Items marked with an asterisk () are required fields. Failure to complete may cause delays.*

Requesting Facility:*

Hospital/Facility: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Requested By: _____ Date Requested: _____

Patient Information:

Name*: _____ DOB*: _____ Race*: _____ Sex*: M F
(Last) (First) (MI)

SSN: _____ Patient ID*: _____
(If available) (Identification number for use on transfusion tags and paperwork)

Primary Clinical Diagnosis*: _____ Admitting Diagnosis*: _____

Requesting Physician*: _____

History of Pregnancy: Yes No Pregnant: Yes No RhIG in last 6 months: Yes No

History of Transfusion: Yes No RBC Transfusion within last 3 months: Yes No Unknown
If Yes, Date of Last Transfusion: _____ # of Units: _____

Clinical Information: (Most current available)

Hgb/Hct: _____ Retic Count: _____ Plt Count: _____ Patient Actively Bleeding*: Yes No

Requested Services*:

Component Type Requested: _____ Number Requested: _____

Additional Requirements: CMV Neg Irradiated Hgb S Neg Other _____

Transfusion Requested For: Scheduled Surgery or Medical Procedure
 Recurring Transfusion (i.e. Anemia, Dialysis, etc.)
 Trauma or Other Acute Condition

Date/Time Needed: _____
(Minimum of 2 hours required after receipt of sample)

Compatibility requests will be processed in order received. Priority and after hours testing requests must be coordinated with laboratory staff prior to submitting samples.

LBC Use Only: SafeTrace Tx Patient ID: _____ SafeTrace Tx Order ID: _____

Instructions for Submitting Samples

1. Call to notify laboratory of intention to submit sample. Additional service charges will apply for all priority testing and work performed on weekends, holidays, and between 1900 and 0600 Monday – Friday.

➤ Shipping Samples to Shreveport Laboratory

Hours of Operation: Monday - Sunday: 0600 – 2400
(Call tech available between 2400 and 0600 for approved priority requests)

Call/contact: Telephone: (318) 673-1466 or (866) 842-3779 Fax: (318) 227-8317

Ship to: 8910 Linwood Ave
Shreveport, LA 71106

➤ Shipping Samples to Lake Charles Laboratory

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday: 0800 – 1700
After hours samples may be forwarded to Shreveport upon request. A minimum of 12 hours processing time should be added to allow for transportation.

Call/contact: Telephone: (337) 439-5851 or (800) 256-4932 Fax: (337) 494-3853

Ship to: 214 Dr. Michael DeBaKey Drive
Lake Charles, LA 70601

2. Complete Side 1 of Compatibility Testing Request Form. Indicate date and time transfusion is scheduled.
3. Collect one 7-mL EDTA (purple or pink top) sample and a 10-mL clotted (plain red top) sample from the patient. Additional blood may be requested if unexpected antibodies are observed. **Do not send samples in gel separator tubes.**

Label each tube with:

- Complete patient name (Last, First, Middle Initial) as it appears on hospital records
- Unique patient identification as it appears on hospital records, preferably social security number (SSN).
Note: ID number must match either SSN or Patient ID number on the written request form
- Date and time sample drawn
- Phlebotomist's initials

Please do not separate plasma or serum from red cells. Compatibility work will not be performed on improperly labeled or separated samples.

4. Prepare samples and request form for shipment to Laboratory using standard protocol for shipment of biological specimens.
5. Ship samples and request form to the appropriate Laboratory. Shipping may be arranged by contacting the local LifeShare Blood Center to coordinate transport on a scheduled courier run. Alternately, samples and request form may be shipped via bus, mail, or facility arranged courier. Samples shipped directly from a facility must be on wet ice in an insulated container. Insulated containers are available from the local LifeShare Blood Center.
6. Notify Laboratory of estimated arrival time for specimen.

Notes:

- Routine compatibility testing requires 2 to 3 hours to complete from time of specimen receipt. Priority handling will be considered based on patient status.
- Incomplete or illegible information will delay completion of testing.
- Every effort will be made to complete testing in a timely manner. Complexity and workload volume may result in delays. Laboratory staff will notify requesting facility when extended delays are anticipated.
- Washed products require Medical Director approval and a minimum of 2 hours preparation time per product.
- In the event unexpected antibodies are observed, additional patient or clinical information may be required to resolve serological problems and locate compatible blood.

LifeShare Blood Centers shall not be liable or responsible for patient treatment delays resulting from compatibility testing or unavailability of blood products. The requesting facility will maintain contingency plans for addressing patient care in the event of blood product availability delays.