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CHECK LIST FOR OBTAINING AND SHIPPING DENGUE DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLES

[] Sample

Table with 3 columns: Type of sample, Interval since date of onset of symptoms, Type of Analysis. Rows include Acute (up to 5 days, PCR) and Convalescent (6 or more days, Serology).

[] Form - Dengue Case Investigation Form

Obtain from the CDC Dengue Branch in San Juan, Puerto Rico or online; Dengue Case Investigation Form. Please indicate on the form if the case is hospitalized. If it is a very severe case, indicate so on the "Comments" section.

Only samples received with the information requested below, and written in a legible manner, will be analyzed:

- Complete name, age, and sex of patient
Home address
Date of onset of symptoms
Date sample was obtained
Complete name and mailing address of the physician, laboratory, clinic, or hospital

[] Tube - Red or green top (not violet).

[] Labeling - Tube and case form must agree (indicate the same name of the case).

[] Volume - 2 cc. (ml.) of centrifuged serum or plasma

[] Storage - On ice or in a refrigerator (not in a freezer) until it is delivered to the CDC Dengue Branch.

[] Time of shipment - Not to exceed a month after taking the sample

[] Way of shipment - Check with local Department of Health.

Reasons for REJECTING samples:

- Samples without form, form without sample
Incomplete or illegible form - especially regarding date of onset of symptoms, date of sample collection
Hemolyzed or frozen sample, or received more than a month after onset of illness