



MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

**Sickle Cell • CENTER**

**School of Medicine**

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To: All Agencies, Health Departments, and Health Care Providers  
From: Maria del Pilar Aguinaga, Ph.D., MT (ASCP), DLM (ASCP), MSCC Director and Laboratory Director  
Date: 10/11/2019  
Re: Collection and Handling of Blood Specimens for Hemoglobinopathy Testing

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Comments:

Proper collections, labelling and handling of blood specimens are essential when sending samples to the Meharry Sickle Cell Center (MSCC) for hemoglobinopathy identification. The Blood Collection and Blood Tube Labeling procedures attached must be followed to assure safe blood sample withdrawal, labeling and transit of samples while being in compliance with the Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA), CLIA 88 standards and postal regulations.

On a regular basis and also upon request, the MSCC mails to different Health Care Agencies in the State of Tennessee, all supplies needed for blood collection and mailing of blood specimens to the MSCC for the purpose of hemoglobinopathy testing. **Please make copies of the sample request forms as needed.**

If you need MSCC blood collection supplies, please follow the Request for Blood Collection supplies procedure attached.

If you have any questions, please contact us by either email ([sickle\\_cell@mmc.edu](mailto:sickle_cell@mmc.edu)), fax (615) 327-6008 or phone (615) 327-6763. Thank you.

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