

niPOC - INSTRUCTIONS



Step 1: Contact us

Call **(+44) 020 8068 8176** or send an email to support.uk@igenomix.com to request more information, kits, or a collection.



Step 2: Receipt of the Kit

Check the Kit box and ensure that it includes:

- STRECK tube* for the collection of maternal blood (**check expiration date**).
- Rigid plastic blister pack (secondary container).
- Biohazard bag to hold the collection container.
- Courier return envelope.

Up-to-date documentation:

Please download the following documentation from <https://www.igenomix.co.uk/send-a-sample>

- POC/niPOC Test Requisition and Consent Form.



Step 3: Sample collection

Warnings/Precautions:

- **IMPORTANT: It is essential that the blood sample is collected before the evacuation of the foetal remains takes place.**

If pharmacological treatment is being used for the evacuation, the sample should be taken prior to taking the medication.

- In the Clinical Information section of the Test Request Form (TRF), report whether any of the following situations may apply:

1. The patient is receiving low-molecular-weight heparin treatment.
2. The patient has received a blood transfusion.
3. The patient has received a bone marrow transplant.
4. History of cancer.
5. Presence of a vanishing twin.
6. Congenital or acquired chimera.

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Important guidance:

- Missing or incomplete documentation may lead to sample rejection.
- Ensure that samples are accompanied by a Test Requisition and Consent Form
- Test Requisition and Consent Form must be correctly completed:
 - Mandatory fields have been completed.
 - Patient and clinician signatures are included.

Sample collection (always use gloves):

- STRECK tube: Sample volume (maternal blood) between 7ml (minimum) and 10ml (maximum).
 - Samples containing a volume that is less than the minimum indicated and/or in tubes other than the ones provided by Igenomix (STRECK tube) may not be accepted by our laboratory.
- After the sample is taken, immediately mix the contents by tipping the tube gently 180°, 8 to 10 times.

After collection of blood sample:

Label the container and maternal sample with two unique identifiers (one of the following options):

- Patient initials/full name and Date of Birth, or
- Patient initials/full name and Unique Patient ID

Incorrectly labelled or unlabelled samples may be rejected.

- Place the blood sample inside the rigid plastic blister.
- Place the containers with the tissue sample inside the Biohazard bag provided.

- Fold and place the Test Requisition & Consent form and the samples inside the POC Kit box.
- Place the Kit box inside the courier return envelope.

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Step 4: Logistics

- Send the sample at room temperature (do not freeze).
- We recommend that, where possible, the sample is returned in the Kit box provided by Igenomix.
- We recommend including a cold gelpack inside the Kit if outside temperatures exceed 35°C. Take care to avoid freezing the sample when adding the gelpack. For further details, please, contact our Customer Support team.
- Store the sample in a fridge at 4-8°C until shipping. Do not freeze the sample.
- The sample must arrive at Igenomix within 5 days of sample collection.



Step 5: Sample pick up

To ensure that sample integrity is not compromised, which may lead to test failure, please adhere to the following pick-up protocol:

- Contact support.uk@igenomix.com up to 5 days in advance to arrange a collection.
- Domestic same-day collection is available for requests made prior to 13:30.
- Once you have received the waybill (courier) documents:
 - Affix the package waybill (with three barcodes) to the provided courier return envelope.
 - Ensure that a 'UN3373' sign is uncovered and visible on the courier return envelope.
- Remember to include the completed Test Requisition & Consent Form in the package.
- When the courier arrives, check that the package is sealed and hand the package and the additional waybill (with one barcode) to the courier.
- Holidays may cause service disruptions. In the event of any disruption, Igenomix will notify you of any changes that apply to collections.
- To reduce the risk of degradation, we recommend that you ship samples as soon as possible.



Step 6: Test results

The **clinician who has requested the test** will receive the results within **10-15 working days** from sample reception by Igenomix.



Additional information

For any questions or concerns and to request sample collection

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