

# BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS USING THE CELLSAVE PRESERVATIVE TUBE



CellSave Preservative Tubes are 10mL evacuated tubes for the collection of whole blood and preservation of circulating tumor cells (CTCs) for enumeration and phenotyping.

## Collection **NOTE: A MINIMUM OF 7.5mL OF BLOOD IS REQUIRED FOR EACH TUBE**

1. Prior to collection, inspect the tube. Do not use the tube if it is expired or you see cracks, debris, or discolored fluid (should be colorless) inside the tube.
2. If blood is collected through an IV, clear line of IV solution before collection.
3. Perform venipuncture and, without changing the needle, fill each tube until blood flow stops. **At least 7.5mL of blood is required for each tube.**
4. Mix the blood in each tube IMMEDIATELY after collection by gently inverting the tube eight (8) times.
5. Label all CellSave Preservative Tube(s) with a unique patient identifier, study protocol number and collection draw date.
6. Fill out requisition form to accompany the CellSave Preservative Tube.

## Storage and Shipping

1. **Keep samples at ambient temperatures of 15-30°C (59-86°F) at all times. DO NOT REFRIGERATE OR FREEZE. PROTECT FROM EXTREME TEMPERATURES.**
2. Transport samples at temperatures of 15-30° C (59-86°F). Proper insulation may be required for shipment during extreme temperature conditions.
3. Ship samples via overnight courier on the same day as collected to the appropriate lab.
4. Notify the laboratory of shipment using the e-mail address indicated below. Include protocol number, site-subject ID, contact information and shipment tracking number.

CellSave Preservative Tube Instructions for Use are available at [www.CELLSEARCHCTC.com](http://www.CELLSEARCHCTC.com).

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