



SKIN BIOPSY FOR IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE STUDIES

Specimens will be accepted Monday through Friday and must be received by 4 PM; excluding holidays:

1. Complete the **Immunofluorescence Requisition Form**. Questions regarding the form should be directed to Allina IHC Lab at 612-863-4944.
2. Place fresh specimen (prefer 4 mm biopsy) directly into Zeus media. This media can be obtained from Allina Medical Laboratories, by ordering on line at www.allina.com/medicallaboratories or by calling AML Customer Service at **612-863-4678 (select option 2)**.
3. Place container into biohazard specimen bag, attach transport label and send immediately at room temperature to:

Allina Medical Laboratories Reference Lab
Attn.: IHC Lab
800 East 28th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55407

4. Call IHC Lab at 612-863-4944 to notify lab that specimen is en-route and provide patient name.

Additional information:

- ✓ Biopsies of **bullous lesions** should be obtained from the edge of the newest lesion.
- ✓ Biopsies from patients suspected of having **lupus erythematosus** should be obtained directly from lesional skin (preferably from sun-protected lesions, older than 3 months)
- ✓ Biopsies of suspected **dermatitis herpetiformis (DH)** should be from adjacent normal skin (biopsies from blistered/inflamed skin may give false negative results in DH).
- ✓ Additional questions may be directed to: **Dr. Rob Werling (612-863-4708)**.

Specimen Transportation:

Clients should use established courier routes. If accessible routes are not available to meet time requirements, please call customer service at **612-863-4678** to discuss possible arrangements.