U.S. Radiologic Technologists Study:

Blood Sample Collection

PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING BLOOD:

- Please fill in the date and time of blood collection on each vacutainer tube label.
- Open blood collection needle package.
- Insert vacutainer tube into holder – DO NOT puncture stopper and leave in place.
- Open IV Start Pak. Select site for venipuncture. Apply tourniquet and prepare site with antiseptic.
- Draw blood into the supplied vacutainer tube(s). Invert each tube gently 6-8 times to ensure mixing.

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Insert each vacutainer tube into a separate slot of the absorbent pouch tube holder.

2. Place the pouch into the 3” plastic ziplock bag. Seal the plastic bag.

3. Place the 3” plastic bag (containing the sample) into the 7” plastic bag, making sure it is between the refrigerant packs. Seal the plastic bag.

4. Place the 7” plastic bag into the inner foil bag. Seal the inner foil bag. Then seal the outer foil bag (with the smaller foil bag inside).

5. Place the package into the white corrugated box.

   Secure the box by tucking in the side flaps and inserting the side locking tabs.

6. Insert the box into the Federal Express Clinical Pak (pre-addressed airbill already affixed).

   Peel off adhesive liner and fold flap edge to the target line.

   Press down firmly from the center to the edges of the Clinical Pak.

7. Call your local Federal Express office or **1-800-463-3339** (1-800-GO-FEDEX) to request a package pick-up.

   Tell them that the package is being sent **PRIORITY OVERNIGHT**.

   There is no charge to you for this shipment.

Blood samples should be drawn on MONDAY – THURSDAY ONLY and shipped on the same day.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call the USRT study office at the University of Minnesota: 1-800-447-6466 Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Central time).