

Participate in iPSC Bank if Patient is Not Attending Conference

Patients who are not attending can also participate! If a member of the family is coming, they could bring the patient's samples with them.

Here are some details to do so:

Contact Dr. Serrano at maserr@bu.edu to arrange for consent and receiving sample
Sign up for sample collection: <https://1o9yp6jseul.typeform.com/to/UTSseHmR> but in the patient's name field add "/bringing sample". For example: Jane Doe/bringing sample.

Follow instructions below:

You can bring the sample with you!

For collecting blood, you will need a special tube. If your phlebotomist does not have the tube, we can ship it to you, please let us know.

These are the tubes for blood collection:

BD vacutainer CPT cell preparation tubes with sodium citrate (BD Cat#s 362761(8mLs) or 362760(4mLs))

About the procedure:

After the blood has been collected, please ask the phlebotomist to invert the tubes 8 to 10 times immediately and keep them upright at room temperature **(Critical!)**
Ideally, the tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of blood collection. If this is possible, please ask them to centrifuge at 1,800 x g for 30 min but if not, please don't worry. We will do it here as soon as you arrive.

About Transporting the tubes:

There are 2 key details that will help guarantee the integrity of the sample:

Keeping the tubes upright: You could use a box and put a small glass/container, Tupperware, or similar in which you can place the tube with the blood so it stays upright. You can also fill empty spaces with paper, so the tube and jar are not moving around.

Keep tubes at room temperature: this is a temperature in which you feel comfortable. If you are not too cold or too hot, the samples will be OK. If the environment is too cold, try to add a hand warming pad in the box but NOT in contact with the tube.