Stratify JCV requests are Changing.

Starting in May, Stratify JCV request forms in New Zealand will begin changing, as part of a worldwide update.

The only difference you will see in the collection centres and laboratories is the new style form shown on page 2. It should be marked very clearly at the top "STRATIFY JCV TEST REQUEST FORM"

These will still come with 2 barcoded tubes - a primary Red top collection tube and an aliquot tube. Please only use the provided tubes. **Do not label the aliquot tube.**

As they no longer have the collection & processing instructions attached, please see the process as listed below.

Blood Collection

- Collect the barcoded Red top 4mL at the same time as you would any other serum or SST tubes.
- Gently invert the tube 5-10 times.
- When you label the collection tube, do <u>NOT</u> cover the 10 digit number or barcode. Do <u>NOT</u> label the aliquot tube.
- Please note the time & date of collection on the form, the sampling date listed on the preprinted form may not be correct.
- Send sample to local lab for processing.

Processing

- Spin primary Red top collection tube for 10 mins, 1800-2000 g.
- Pipette the serum into the krone cryo aliquot tube.
- **Do not label the aliquot tube with Patient information or reference numbers.** The 10 digit number on the tube is adequate identification.
- Store sample in the freezer with its request form.
- Ship the frozen aliquot tube, and the request form together to the Canterbury Health Labs via your normal frozen sample transport method.

Please share this information with all blood collection centres and laboratories collecting & processing samples for Stratify JCV.

If you have any questions around this, please contact us.

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Figure 1: Current Stratify JCV form

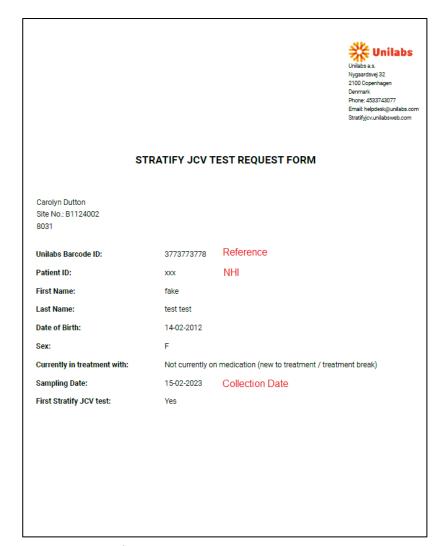


Figure 2: New Stratify JCV Request Form