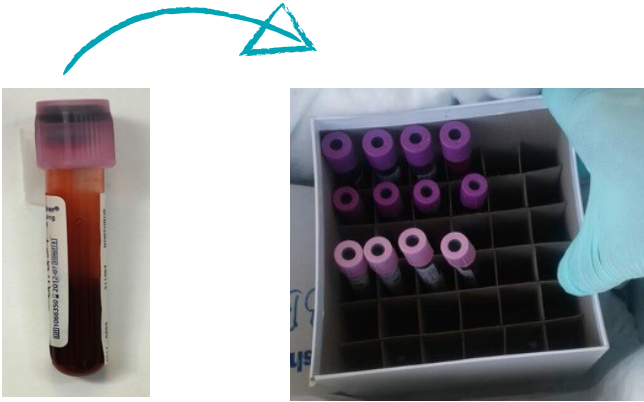


Specimen Handling - Venous Blood

1



Place the sealed EDTA vacutainer tube in the sample tube storage box.

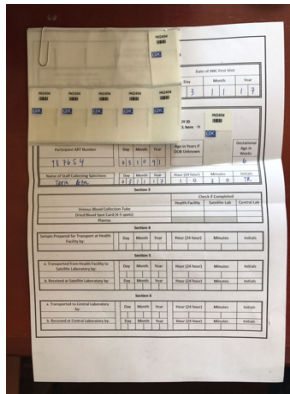
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Place sample tube storage box in cooler with two ice pack(s) until pick-up (same day).

3

Optional: If using pre-printed barcode labels, attach sheet with remaining labels to your partially completed Laboratory Requisition Form.



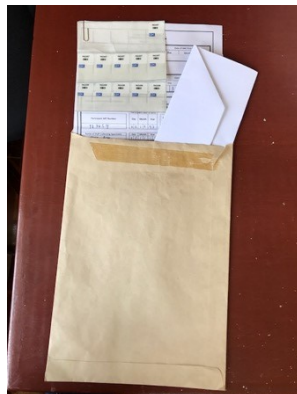
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Label a brown paper envelope with **HIV Recency**, the name of your health facility, the name of the laboratory you are sending the sample(s) to, and the date the samples were picked up



5

Place forms in brown paper folder. If risk interviews are conducted as part of recent infection surveillance in your country, completed questionnaires may be in this folder as well.



REMEMBER!

Packing and storage of venous blood specimens must be done immediately after blood collection so that the quality of the sample is maintained.