

## **SWOG Biospecimen Bank – Solid Tissue, Myeloma, and Lymphoma Division (Lab# 201) HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**The SWOG Biospecimen Bank (Solid Tissue, Myeloma, and Lymphoma Division, Lab# 201) will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024, in observance of Thanksgiving.** Regular business hours will resume on Friday, November 29.

### **Frozen Specimens:**

Please do not ship frozen specimens during the holiday week. Store frozen specimens according to protocol instructions and ship on or after December 2.

### **Ambient Specimens:**

Ambient specimens (whole blood, bone marrow, and urine) collected on Wednesday, November 27 should be shipped on Wednesday via FedEx Priority Overnight. These specimens will arrive in our lab on Friday. Please package tubes so that they are well insulated to prevent freezing if they will be in transit an extra day. Ambient specimens collected on Thursday, November 28 or Friday November 29 should be shipped on Friday for Saturday delivery. When shipping on Friday, please mark *For Saturday Delivery* on the FedEx air bill.

### **S2101 (iMATCH) Specimens:**

- Tissue in formalin collected on Monday, November 25 should be shipped via overnight courier on the day of collection. **If a procedure is scheduled for any other day of the week**, then please process the tissue, embed in paraffin, and submit as a formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded block.
- Shipments that do not contain tissue in formalin should be shipped following the general instructions provided in this memo.
- Please note that shipments that arrive at the Biospecimen Bank from Friday, November 22 through Wednesday, November 27 may experience delays in processing due to the holiday.

Please hold large batches of specimens and ship on or after December 2. Specimens that do not need to be sent via overnight courier service (e.g., slides or paraffin blocks) may be sent as usual. Do not ship paraffin-embedded tissue for Saturday delivery.

Please contact the Biospecimen Bank at 614-722-2865 or email [BPCbank@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:BPCbank@nationwidechildrens.org) if you have any questions.

## **SWOG Biospecimen Bank – Leukemia Division (Lab# 200) HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**The SWOG Biospecimen Bank - Leukemia Division (Lab# 200) will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024, in observance of Thanksgiving.** Regular business hours will resume on Friday, November 29.

**Fresh blood or bone marrow collected on Wednesday (November 27)** should be shipped on Wednesday marked FedEx Priority Overnight. These specimens will arrive in our lab on Friday. Package tubes so that they are well insulated to prevent freezing since they will be in transit an extra day. Please contact the Bank (614-722-3270 or [BPCMGLab@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:BPCMGLab@nationwidechildrens.org)) before shipping specimens on Wednesday, November 27.

**Fresh blood or bone marrow collected on Thursday (November 28), or Friday (November 29)** should be shipped on Friday for Saturday delivery. When shipping on Friday, please mark *For Saturday Delivery* on the FedEx air bill. Please contact the Bank (614-722-3270 or [BPCMGLab@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:BPCMGLab@nationwidechildrens.org)) before shipping specimens that will arrive on Saturday.

If specimens are collected over the weekend, please store them according to protocol instructions and ship on Monday.

If you have any questions regarding the shipping of leukemia specimens, please contact the Bank at 614-722-3270.