

Laboratory Policy Manual

Warren General Hospital
Warren, Pennsylvania
Title: Biohazard Specimen Transport

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All human blood and body fluids are to be treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV, HCV and other pathogens.

- **Blood:** Human blood, human blood components and products made from human blood.
- **Other potentially infectious materials include:**
 - Amniotic fluid
 - Body tissues
 - Cerebrospinal fluid
 - Feces
 - Organs from a human
 - Pericardial fluid
 - Peritoneal fluid
 - Pleural fluid
 - Saliva or sputum
 - Semen
 - Synovial fluid
 - Vaginal secretions
 - Body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood and body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids.
- **Contaminated:** The presence or the reasonable anticipated presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials on an item or surface.

Plastic bags with biohazard labels are available for transport of specimens. If outside contamination of a primary specimen container occurs, that container is to be placed within a second leak-proof container and appropriately labeled. If the specimen can puncture the primary container, the secondary container must be puncture-resistant as well.

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