

**FAMILY STUDY ON THE GENETICS OF EPILEPSY  
AT MOUNT SINAI  
877-223-5900**

**TO:** Phlebotomy Lab Manager  
**re:** research patients blood draw

Thank you for your help in our family study on the genetics of epilepsy. As a participant(s) in this study, Name: \_\_\_\_\_ at tel.#: \_\_\_\_\_, has been asked to provide us with a blood sample (outlined below). Please follow these instructions to insure that the blood sample is drawn to our criteria and arrives safely.

**BLOOD:** Please observe sterile conditions. Wash the area with Betadine or disinfectant and wipe with sterile alcohol swab. Also, please wipe each tube with Betadine or alcohol. **(All blood MUST be drawn NO LATER than Thursday morning in order to arrive at our laboratory by FRIDAY MORNING, in time to be processed at or before the weekend.)**

**DRAW:**

For Adults

- 1) 1 yellow top tube
- 2) 3 lavender top EDTA tubes.

For Children(under 10 yrs.)

- 1) 1 yellow top tube
- 2) 2 lavender top EDTA tubes

Please check to make sure the name on the tubes corresponds with the name of the patient. **KEEP AT ROOM TEMPERATURE; DO NOT REFRIGERATE.**

**SHIPPING:** Please use the enclosed shipping container for RETURNING the blood samples. Place the samples into the *inner* box and then put the *inner* box into the *enclosed plastic bag*. Finally, place the plastic protected inner box into the outer box. This may seem elaborate, but it is a pre-approved method of shipping blood samples. You may use the address below for billing by sending us an invoice for the cost of the procedure along with a return address. Reimbursement will be sent directly. **Please do not bill the patient or his/her insurance company.** Bill directly to:

**Dr. Martina Durner, MD  
Department of Psychiatry  
Aron Hall  
50 E. 98<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite1B Right  
NY, NY 10029**

**Please include your lab's: (1) Tax ID No., (2) Remit Address, and (3) Account and/or Invoice No.**

Place the box into the self-addressed box and seal it. Call Federal Express pick-up at 1-800-463-3339 or you may use any shipping service you normally use. **It is CRITICAL that we receive the NON-REFRIGERATED sample no later than the MORNING AFTER it was drawn.**

We appreciate your help and cooperation in this important research. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Martina Durner at 212-659-8816 or Sandy Wrigley at 877-223-5900.

