

SARS FORM

For Virology, SARS-CoV Virology and Referral Microbiology Tests

AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY

Send to: REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY, Kelvin Building, Royal Group of Hospitals Trust, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA. **Phone 02890 632662 before sending this specimen.**

Male/Female	Surname	Forename	D.O.B.
Address		Hospital No.	Date of Onset
		Hospital	Consultant /GP
		Ward / Clinic	
Postcode			
Country/Zone of Re-emergence			

1. **Nasal /Pharyngeal Swabs** Respiratory Virus SARS-CoV PCR- Nasopharyngeal swabs - Insert swab into nostril parallel to the palate and leave in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions.
Oropharyngeal swabs - Swab both posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas, avoiding the tongue.

Place both swabs in the vial lysis buffer, cut the shafts off near the tip to permit tightening of the cap

2. **Sputum** (Sterile Container) - DO NOT INDUCE - for Bacterial culture & Viral PCR.

3. **Urine** (Sterile Container) – Clean Catch 20 – 30 mls - for Legionella / Pneumococcal urinary antigen and SARS-CoV PCR.

4. **Stool** (Sterile container) – for SARS-CoV PCR.

5. **EDTA blood** - 20 mls

6. **Clotted blood** – 20 mls Acute Serology
for atypical serology and SARS-CoV PCR. Convalescent Serology (21 days)

Please tick a respective box for each specimen taken.
Specimens from patients with Probable SARS should be taken daily.

Specimen type(s)	Specimen Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan specimen collection to avoid repeat sampling. - Hazard stickers should be attached to the form & specimen. - DO NOT pre-wet swabs in the viral lysis buffer before swabbing the throat or nasal passage as it could cause tissue inflammation. - Appropriate infection control measures should be followed by health care workers during specimen collection as shown on the SARS training CD ROM / video.
Clotted blood		
Signature		

- Ensure that specimens are in a separate sealed plastic bag and the container lids are well secured to prevent leakage in transit. Transport specimens to the local laboratory in a robust and leak proof container.
- Disinfect the outside of the specimen bags with an alcohol wipe.
- Avoid contamination of this form – fill in before taking specimens and do not bring this form into the patients room.
- This form may be photocopied or downloaded from <http://www.sarsni.gov>
- DO NOT USE A PNEUMATIC TUBE OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT (E.G. TAXI) FOR SPECIMEN TRANSFER.