

## **Blood Collection Procedure For Beryllium Lymphocyte Proliferation Test (BeLPT)**

Below are collection and shipping instructions for the BeLPT. **The cost of a single BeLPT is \$266.00. CPT Code is 86353 x 8.** We offer discounts based on volume; please contact the Beryllium Program at **(303) 398-1722** for information on setting up an account, testing in quantity, other beryllium-related services, or with comments, questions or concerns. Thank you for choosing National Jewish!

1. Call **(800) 550-6227** to schedule the test, preferably 24 hours in advance. Alternatively, you may send a fax to (303) 270-2175. Please include the number of specimens you anticipate sending. We accept samples Monday through Saturday – there is a limit on the number of samples you may collect and ship each day, so please contact the lab to schedule the number of tests you will be sending. When shipping packages for Saturday delivery, clearly mark the package **Saturday Delivery** so that the courier does not hold the package until Monday.
3. Draw 30 ml of blood into sterile, green-top heparinized vacutainers. **All specimens sent must comply to all Federal and IATA shipping regulations**, please contact your supplier and ensure your materials are IATA-compliant. Blood collection kits (3 10-ml green-top vacutainers and one safety mailer) are available from National Jewish for an additional \$5 per test and are IATA-compliant. Tubes containing gel are not acceptable.
2. **Label tubes with** patient’s first and last name, date of blood draw and **“LPT-Beryllium”**.
3. For each sample sent, please enclose a requisition with the name of the patient.
4. **Pack the vacutainers in a Styrofoam container or use the NJC shipping kit.** *Do not refrigerate. Keep at room temperature. Do not pack on ice. Avoid temperature extremes.*
5. **Label package “Human Blood - Deliver Immediately. Do Not Freeze. Perishable.”**
6. **The blood must be shipped via priority overnight courier (i.e. Fed-Ex, UPS, Airborne Express) to reach National Jewish the morning after it is drawn.** National Jewish does not pay for overnight shipping charges.
7. Criteria for rejecting a specimen:
  - a. violation of the conditions listed above
  - b. leakage or breakage
  - c. unclear labeling
  - d. insufficient information about the specimen, no signature/name on the requisition, incomplete billing or reporting information
8. **Deliver to:** National Jewish Health  
Beryllium Lab, Room M017  
1400 Jackson St.  
Denver, CO 80206  
Phone: (303) 398-1288