



Nickel Lymphocyte Proliferation Test (NickLPT) Blood Collection Procedure

Thank you for choosing National Jewish Health! Below are the collection and shipping instructions for the NiLPT.

The cost of a single NiLPT is \$250.00. The CPT Code is 86353 x 8. Please contact the MetALLs Program at **(303) 398-1723** for information on payment requirements and procedures, other MetALLs Allergy Program related services, or with comments, questions or concerns.

1. Call **(800) 550-6227** to schedule the test with our Advanced Diagnostics Laboratory (ADx) at least 24 hours in advance. Alternatively, you may send a fax to (303) 270-2175. Samples are accepted Monday through Saturday. 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 with 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 Health for an additional \$5 per test and are IATA-compliant. Tubes containing gel are not acceptable.
2. Label tubes with: 1) patient's name, 2) date of blood draw, and 3) **"LPT-Nickel"**.
3. For each sample please enclose a completed requisition. Samples that do not have a completed requisition will not be processed.
4. Pack the vacutainers in a Styrofoam container or use the NJH 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 Health the morning after it is drawn. National Jewish Health 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