West of Scotland Specialist Virology Centre
www.nhsggc.org.uk/virology
Enquires & clinical advice: 0141 201 8722

What specimen, which container? Please see our website for further instructions

Viral PCR Sample Solution (VPSS)
Swabs – Flocked swabs should be used wherever possible, in conjunction with the Viral PCR Sample Solution (VPSS). These can be used to take nose, throat, genital (including vulvo-vaginal, cervical), eye, vesicle, ulcer, lesion, mouth, pharyngeal and rectal swabs. After the swab is taken it should be expressed on the side of the vial and discarded. The cap should be replaced tightly prior to being sent to the laboratory. How to order Viral PCR Solution (VPSS): Please email the Office Manager, Miss Christine Ritchie via christine.ritchie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk to order Viral PCR solution (VPSS). Alternatively requests for VPSS can be made via the office on 0141 201 8722.

Bloodborne virus screen (HIV, HBV, HCV) EDTA blood: 9ml purple FBC bottle

Chickenpox Clotted blood for VZV IgG: 9ml yellow biochemistry bottle
VPSS: Virus PCR Sample Solution for Vesicle/ulcer swab (PLEASE NOTE: Varicella zoster virus IgM on blood is no longer available at the WoSSVC). If the patient has had an antenatal blood sample taken please call the WoSSVC to request testing on that specimen.

Parvovirus B19 EDTA blood: 9ml purple FBC bottle
Parvovirus B19 IgG testing is useful for pregnant patients who are exposed to a maculopapular rash illness, when the blood sample is taken less than five days after the rash exposure. Parvovirus B19 IgG is a test for immunity to parvovirus B19. If the patient has had an antenatal blood sample taken please call the WoSSVC to request testing on that specimen.

Contact details for comments and help regarding the service provided
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