

# **Genetic Medicine Referrals**

## **Transport and Delivery**

### **Packaging**

The sample and referral form should be sealed separately in a biohazard bag to prevent contamination of paperwork in the event of leakage. High risk samples must be clearly identified and all packaging must conform to UN650 standards.

### **Storage**

Samples should be sent to the laboratories as soon as possible. Please try to avoid samples arriving at weekends or public holidays; refer to the specific information on the website for particular sample types where appropriate.

Note that the Willink Biochemical Genetics Unit offers an out-of-hours service.

## **Transport and Delivery**

All forms of sample transport should deliver the sample directly to Genetic Medicine:

Postal Address      Genetic Medicine  
6th Floor  
St Mary's Hospital  
Oxford Road  
Manchester  
M13 9WL

Samples may be delivered by hospital porter, by hand, by external post (first-class only), and by courier. All deliveries should be handed in at the Sample Reception window, located adjacent to the Patient Reception area on the 6th floor of St. Mary's Hospital.

## **Collection of Samples**

The laboratories do not provide their own specimen collection service, other than for those patients attending a clinic session with one of our consultants.