

## **CORD BLOOD / PERISTEM™ COLLECTION KIT HANDLING & TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS**

STORE THE COLLECTION KIT AT ROOM TEMPERATURE & TAKE IT WITH YOU TO THE HOSPITAL

1. Upon arrival at the Labour Ward/Birthing Unit please give the kit to the nursing staff and ensure that :
  - They are aware of your participation in the CReATe Cord Blood/Peristem™ program.
  - They read the collection instructions provided in the kit.
  - Maternal blood samples (three full vials) are collected.

[The maternal blood samples are required for infectious disease testing - HIV, HTLV, HBV, HCV, Syphilis, CMV, West Nile Virus etc. The blood samples must be collected at/around the time of delivery to ensure compliance with current Health Canada Tissue Banking Directives. Once collected, keep the tubes at room temperature and ensure that they are sent to CReATe along with the cord blood].

2. When you are in established labour please have someone call CReATe Cord Blood Bank at **1-416-297-2707** with the following information: (If we are unable to speak with the caller directly, please leave us a message.)

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CReATe Cord Blood Bank Ref # : \_\_\_\_\_  
[will be provided by CCBB]

Delivery Hospital Name & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Hospital Room Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. After collection, the maternal blood and the cord blood/tissue should be stored at **ROOM TEMPERATURE.**
4. Please ensure that all required information on the collection bag label and the paperwork is completed.
5. **It is your responsibility to have the cord blood / tissue transported to CReATe Cord Blood Bank.**

**If you are using any one of the recommended couriers, we suggest that you call them as soon as possible after delivery - they are available 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year!**

For parents who wish to drop off their baby's cord blood/tissue in person, please call and make an appointment. The laboratory is open daily (strictly by appointment only), including weekends and statutory holidays. Please note, that for security purposes, our premises are closed after hours. You will not be able to reach us unless you have made an appointment for one of our staff to let you in.

It is our policy to process the cord blood/tissue as soon as possible after collection (usually less than 24 hours), so please do not delay either in contacting the courier following the birth or in bringing the cord blood/tissue to CReATe once arrangements have been made. For out of town collections, this may require the use of a same day courier. FedEx, UPS, DHL etc do NOT provide same day service! **Please do NOT send your cord blood/tissue to us via FedEx, UPS, DHL etc. without first discussing your options with the couriers listed below.**

**WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING 'SAME DAY' COURIER SERVICE PROVIDERS:**

**Air Logistics: 1-866-882-8865 ● Disher Courier: 1-800-463-1035 ● ShellX Logistics: 1-800-663-6533**

All shipping and handling charges must be paid for by the parents. Please call your courier ahead of time and discuss/negotiate all options & charges directly with them.

**WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO UNDUE DELAY IN CORD BLOOD/TISSUE PROCESSING AND MAY COMPROMISE SAMPLE QUALITY**