# NPHL/Ambulatory Surgery Center Specimen Collection Workgroup

## Friday, July 28, 2023

### **MEETING Minutes**

	Karen brought the meeting to order at 0736am. The following
Call to Order	were in attendance: Stacy Hudson, Beth Nilson, Kim Zieno, Janel
	Myers, Anna McGrain, Laura Friend, Janet Estrada, Karen Stiles.
	Minutes and agenda can be found on www.nphl.org, under menu
Review minutes & approve agenda	"Chemical Terrorism," then "Community Preparedness."
	Unable to review minutes during meeting due to technical errors.
	Therefore, they will be posted to the site.
	Awaiting the State of NE DHHS HAN System.
Alert Training & Drill	
	No changes to the contact database
ASC Contact List	
	Karen summarized main bottlenecks in FSX, set-up, labeling of
Full Scale Exercise Fall 2022	specimens and NUlirt. Training of specimen collection with be
Real Event CoVID19 AAR Report	introduced at this meeting.
ASC Specimen Collection Training	Specimen collection & labels experienced higher error rate in FSX
	last fall compared to previous exercises, primarily that instructions
	were not properly distributes, nor training provided prior. We
	reviewed the following:
	1. CDC collection instructions on NPHL.org website and
	talked through entire steps. (see attached).
	2. Disinfection of all specimens with disinfection wipes, both
	specimens and biohazard bags in which specimens are
	stored.
	3. When collecting blood, do not anchor vein above needle to
	prevent needle stick. This was captured in a photo in World
	Herald.
Tabletop Exercise 2023 – Set up	Focus for TTX will be "Set up for Specimen Collection TTX."
Tabletop Exercise 2020 Set up	The Tabletop will be held in 2 parts (see below).
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Drills, Exercises at ASC Facilities	
	Plan 2023 Calendar – suggestions:
Future Training	Red Preparedness Tote Bag – review purpose & equipment
Other Comments, Concerns, Questions	Bomb threat
	Surgical Fire in your fire drill
	Lipid Rescue ( <a href="http://lipidrescue.org/">http://lipidrescue.org/</a> )
	August 18 (New Date) -DHHS Inspection preparedness -Guest
	Speaker BJ Knoell
	Sept 22 – Tabletop Part 1 -Inventory @Zoom
	Oct 6 - Tabletop Part 2 -Specimen Collection Setup @Methodist
Adjourn	Adjourned @ 0819
<b>v</b>	Next meeting will be Friday – August 18, 2023 by Zoom
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# CDC Specimen-Collection Protocol for a Chemical-Exposure Incident

See "Chemical Agents: Shipping instructions for Specimens Collected from People who May Have Been Exposed to Chemical Agents" http://emergency.coc.gov/labissuss/specimens\_shipping\_instructions.asp

Collect blood and urine samples for each person involved in the chemical-exposure incident Note: For children, collect only urine samples unless otherwise directed by CDC

Blood-Sample Collection
For each person, collect blood in glass or plastic tubes in the following order: 1st; collect specimens in three (3) EDTA (purple-top) 4 mL or larger plastic or glass tubes; 2nd; collect another specimen in one (1) gray- or green-top tube. Collect the specimens by following the steps below:











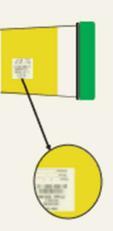






collected if the method was other than "clean catch" (i.e., Label the unine oup with the appropriate bar-coded label as shown, indicate on the cup how the sample was

Freeze camples (optimally at -70°C)



Place bar-coded labels on all cups so that when the cup is upright, the barcode looks like a ladder.