

# SFHCHS181

## Package biomedical specimens, samples and donations prior to transportation



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### Overview

This standard covers the packaging of biomedical specimens, sample and donations to meet international, national and local legislation and/or protocols. It also includes the completion of the necessary documentation required to accompany the specimen, sample or donation. This standard is intended for use by all healthcare workers involved in preparing specimens, samples and donations for transportation. The packaging can be anything from a simple specimen bag to a custom made transportation box.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 adhere to standard precautions for infection control and other necessary health and safety measures
- P2 communicate required information to others clearly, accurately and in a timely fashion
- P3 assess the risks and required packaging for each specific specimen, sample or donation
- P4 inspect and confirm specimen, sample or donation is of suitable quality for transportation
- P5 respond promptly to any requests and directions you receive
- P6 carry out delegated activities as required, in accordance with your competence level and the remit of your role
- P7 carry out tasks accurately following appropriate Standard Operational Procedures
- P8 prepare and accurately update relevant records of specimens, samples or donations to be transported and store them in correct locations for access by authorised people
- P9 take appropriate action to respond to an unexpected situation, problem or event
- P10 collaborate effectively and proactively in situations requiring team working

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 current European and national legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols which affect your work practice
- K2 relevant standard operating procedures, statutory, regulatory and legislative requirements and guidance, and their importance
- K3 the importance of working within your competence and the remit of your role, and what to do to avoid breaching this
- K4 appropriate methods and procedures for communicating information to others
- K5 the factors that facilitate an effective and collaborative working relationship
- K6 the importance of following standard precautions and other relevant health and safety measures and the potential consequences of poor practice
- K7 the range of appropriate methods of packaging available for the specimen, sample or donation type and how to access them
- K8 factors affecting safety and integrity of specimens, samples or donations when preparing and packing for transport
- K9 the importance of including relevant documents with specimens, samples or donations and the range of relevant records associated with transportation and how to prepare, update and maintain

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## Additional Information

### External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

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