

ENDOMETRIAL FUNCTION TEST® (EFT®)

Biopsy and Shipping Protocol

- For a natural cycle screen, a cycle day 24 biopsy (LH+11) is usually sufficient. For an IVF-like mock cycle, see the *IVF Mock Cycle Protocol* on our website. For mock cycles, it is often useful to also assess PR and p27 on cycle day 15 (second **FULL** day of P for mock cycles). Note, we assume the urine LH surge occurs on cycle day 13, ovulation and the first **FULL** day of P are defined as day 14. Preferred biopsy dates, in order:
d24: d24, d25, d26, d23, d27. Please do not send samples earlier than cycle day 23.
d15: d15, d16, d14, d17. Please do not send samples later than d17 or earlier than d14.
- Perform a standard endometrial biopsy (if using a Pipelle, biopsy only once per insertion, pull plunger, rotate Pipelle as you withdraw from the uterus). Also consider using a Milex Uterine Explora Model I Curette (see web site for details).
- **Cut tip of Pipelle or curette off before ejecting tissue into fixative.**
- Place in at least 30 ml (50 ml or more is optimal) of 10% Neutral Buffered Formalin (NBF) in soft plastic (polypropylene) tube or jar with tight cap. **Add 1% glycerol to prevent freezing (essential for international and winter shipments).** Biopsies should be sent the same day as the procedure, except on Fridays and weekends, in which case the biopsy can be held at room temperature and sent the following Monday.
- Send only via **FedEx Priority Overnight** (overseas clinicians can use FedEx, DHL or UPS). Please place biopsy container in a BioHazard bag, then place that bag in a strong secondary container. Place protected specimen and envelope with our EFT® forms into a FedEx Clinical Pak or other appropriate packaging. **We do not pay for shipping. Please use your account or have the patient pay for shipping.**
- We will not be able to process any biopsies without the completed MD signed *Request for Endometrial Function Test® (EFT®)* and patient signed HIPAA forms. Visa, Mastercard or Discover are now accepted (see Request for EFT® form). **American Express is not accepted.** Please note that we will not be able to process any EFTs without both credit card information and a signed HIPAA form.
- Mail Priority Overnight to:

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