

# Diagnostics CD4 / CD8

IMMUNOLOGY  
SAMPLE-HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

## Analysis available

CD4 / CD8

## Samples

Whole blood samples should be collected in 4ml EDTA tubes (plastic). Do not send plasma.

## Sample storage

Samples should be kept at an ambient temperature prior to transport and sent to us immediately, unfrozen, to arrive no later than within 2 days of blood draw.

## Test request form

Please complete the test request form and ensure that the samples are anonymised and that the full name of the patient does not appear on the form or the sample tube(s). Do not staple the form to sample bags as it presents a hazard in the laboratory. Ensure that the form is signed by the requesting physician. The form is available from our web-site at [www.delphicdiagnostics.com](http://www.delphicdiagnostics.com).

## Transport

Studies have shown that samples may remain at room temperature for 3 days with no effect on cell counts. This allows overnight transportation from your clinic.

Samples may be sent first class using the Royal Mail as long as all the requirements for the packing of infectious specimens are met. Please do not post late in the week (Thursday afternoon or Friday). Any samples held over the weekend will not be processed.

We are a member of the DX Specimen delivery service and samples may be sent Monday-Thursday.

## Results

Samples will be analysed on arrival and results will be emailed as PDF files to authorised e-mail address(es) within 5 days of receipt.

## Delivery address

### 1st Class post

Delphic Diagnostics  
1030 Heeley Close  
Kent Science Park  
Sittingbourne  
Kent ME9 8HL

### DX

Delphic  
DX 6403700  
Sittingbourne 91 M

## Contact details

For further information:

Tel: 020 7499 0777

Fax: 020 7499 0775

[customerservices@delphicdiagnostics.com](mailto:customerservices@delphicdiagnostics.com)

[www.delphicdiagnostics.com](http://www.delphicdiagnostics.com)