

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION Division of Parasitic Diseases
Simian Malaria Species Confirmation Service 'SMSCS'
Patient History Form for Malaria Specimen Submission

This form is only for submitting all malaria specimens from Asia and non-falciparum specimens from South America to confirm species diagnosed by microscopy. If you need routine diagnostic assistance, do not use this form.

- Any *Plasmodium* species from Asia **OR**
 Non-falciparum *Plasmodium* species from South America

Physician: _____ Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Name of CDC staff person contacted, if any: _____

Reporting Local or State Health Laboratory: _____

Birthdate: ___/___/___ Sex: [] Male [] Female
 Countries visited: _____ Date returned to US: ___/___/___
 Date of onset of symptoms: ___/___/___ Date treatment started: ___/___/___

Previous lab results:

Name of Lab? _____
 Lab contact/ phone number: _____

	<u>Date</u>	Absent	Present	<u>Species</u>	<u>Parasitemia</u>
Blood film made on	___/___/___	<i>Plasmodium</i> []	[]	_____	_____
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Instructions for Submitting Specimens

Blood smears:

1. Send original slides from which the submitting laboratory made a diagnosis.
2. Send stained or unstained pretreatment slides (if unstained, fix thin smears in methanol as soon as possible after making the smear).
3. Place slides in protective shipping holders to prevent breakage.
4. If you wish the slides to be returned, check the box: **Yes, please return the slides.**

Blood for PCR or culture:

1. Draw pretreatment whole blood in 3- or 5- ml ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) or acid citrate dextrose (ACD) blood tubes.

Shipping:

1. Label all blood tubes with the patient's name, collection date, and "SMS."
2. Blood tubes must be packed in a primary shipping container with enough absorbent material to contain any leakage.
3. The primary holder of all types of specimens must be placed in a secondary protective container for shipping. Ship at room temperature as a "Clinical Specimen."

Please submit specimens to your State Health Laboratory for testing and forwarding to CDC.

For a listing of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratories, see
<http://www.aphl.org/AboutAPHL/aboutphls/Pages/MemberLabs.aspx>