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# **HLTPAT004 Collect pathology specimens other than blood**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Merged HLTPAT304/410. Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Significant change to knowledge evidence. Removed prerequisite.</p>

### Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to confirm collection requirements, prepare client and equipment and make routine pathology specimen collections.

This unit applies to any individual for whom specimen collection is part of the job role. They may be working in collection centres, in hospitals or in other health care environments.

*The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australia /New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.*

### Elements and Performance Criteria

#### ELEMENT

#### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

*Elements define the essential outcomes*

*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*

1. Confirm collection requirements

1.1 Greet client courteously and identify self

1.2 Identify client following organisation and regulatory procedures

1.3 Confirm that client meets pre-testing criteria for required collection

1.4 Obtain, interpret and accurately record personal and clinical information in accordance with organisation policies and procedures

1.5 Explain collection procedure to client

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	1.6 Obtain consent for collection procedure from client
2. Prepare for collection procedure	2.1 Confirm method of collection based on correct interpretation of clinical request and organisation requirements 2.2 Select equipment and prepare following organisation procedures 2.3 Position client appropriately to ensure comfort and safety of both client and collector 2.4 Identify when assistance may be needed and seek help if required
3. Collect specimen	3.1 Adopt standard and additional infection control guidelines and precautions according to organisation documented procedure 3.2 Follow documented procedures for collection of sample 3.3 Use collection and clinical equipment appropriately and safely to avoid contamination of sample 3.4 Observe client during and after collection for potential adverse effects and respond according to procedure
4. Follow post collection procedures	4.1 Dispose of waste in accordance with infection control protocols and organisation policies and procedures 4.2 Accurately label sample in front of client with time and date of collection, client details and other required information following regulatory and organisational guidelines 4.3 Confirm information accuracy with client 4.4 Complete other collection documentation in accordance with organisation procedures 4.5 Prepare collected samples for transit or store

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**Foundation Skills**

*The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.*

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

**Unit Mapping Information**

No equivalent unit.

**Links**

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -  
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>