

## UK NEQAS Haematology

### SURVEY 2101CM: BLOOD COMPONENT MONITORING: 02/03/2021

**CLOSING DATE: 5pm; 09/03/2021**

#### 1.0 Distribution Package

Distribution 2101CM includes the following specimens:

2101CM1	2101CM2
2101CM3	2101CM4

A full package comprises a plastic postal bag, containing documentation and a moulded plastic specimen carrier with a transparent side holding vials of survey material and/or a slide carrier and an absorbent side that will absorb up to 50ml of liquid, i.e. the entire contents of the package, in the event of a breakage.

Specimens are only included for the tests for which you are registered.

Repeat specimens may be requested if your specimens are received damaged.

Please contact the Scheme by telephone or email using the contact details in the header.

#### 2.0 Information required for Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

This information is printed on a separate information sheet and should be reviewed by your COSHH assessor for consideration of any changes necessary to your local work practices.

#### 3.0 Use of packaged material

This material is for use in External Quality Assessment Surveys to assess laboratory performance.

#### 4.0 Blood Component Monitoring Survey 2101CM

This survey contains human whole blood specimens **2101CM1** and **2101CM2** for haemoglobin and Hct (PCV) estimation, and partially fixed human platelets **2101CM3** and **2101CM4** for platelet estimation.

##### Specimen handling and disposal

- On receipt, blood specimens should be stored at 2 - 8°C, and platelet specimens at Room Temperature until tested.
- Allow the material to equilibrate to room temperature for 10 minutes on a roller or similar mixer before testing.
- The material should be handled and discarded as patient material.
- Specimens **2101CM3** and **2101CM4** for platelet estimation should be analysed on or as close to the analysis date as possible.

#### 5.0 Return of results

If you find the specimen quality unsatisfactory, tick the 'unsatisfactory' box and note details in the Comment box.

Please be aware that the data entry platform is different from the process used to return results for previous CM distributions.

To return your results please:

1. Login in to <https://www.ukneqash.org>, with your normal email/PRN and password.
2. Refer to the "**UK NEQAS (HAEM) BLOOD COMPONENT MONITORING PROGRAMME - INSTRUCTIONS FOR DATA ENTRY (PDF)**" document that you can access from <https://www.ukneqash.org/documents.php> in the "**Survey**" section.

If you require further details then please contact UK NEQAS (Haem) by phone (**01923217878**) or by email (**haem@ukneqas.org.uk**) (please mention the programme name in the subject box: e.g. "1904CM").

#### 6.0 Next Distribution: 2102CM is scheduled for 08/06/2020.