## **CHECKLIST (PRIOR TO SHIPPING)**

# 1. Blood Tube - Refrigerated

☐ Patient's First and Last Name and Date of Birth written on the tube label

☐ The tube is tightly closed

☐ Na EDTA blue-top tube wrapped with absorbant pad placed in bubblewrap

#### 2. Test Requisition Form with Payment

☐ Test Requisition Form is complete **Test is marked**, **Patient's first and last name**, **date of birth**, **gender**, and **date of collection** are recorded

☐ Payment is included or pay online at www.gdx.net/prc

## **ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **CLINICIAN BLOOD DRAW INSTRUCTIONS**

Elemental Analysis
NUTRITIONAL

The following test(s) can be collected using these instructions:

Elemental Analysis\* #3528

\* Not available in New York



# **Specimen**

Blood

#### **Additional Materials**

- Biohazard Bag with Absorbent Material
- · Test Requisition Form
- · Prepaid Mailing Envelope
- Bubblewrap Bag
- Tube Label

## **Collection Materials for Blood**



blue-top tube

#### SHIP THE SPECIMEN(S) TO THE LAB

Specimen(s) must be returned in the Genova Diagnostics kit box.

Please refer to the shipping instruction insert found in your kit box.



Call 800.522.4762 or visit our website at www.gdx.net

## **IMPORTANT PREP BEFORE SAMPLE COLLECTIONS**

☐ Schedule the patient accordingly

#### **MEDICATIONS MAY IMPACT RESULTS:**



Discontinuation is at the discretion of the physician if medically appropriate

## 4 DAYS BEFORE THE TEST:



☐ If medically appropriate, nonessential medications, supplements, and nutrient fortified foods/ beverages should be discontinued

## 24 HOURS BEFORE THE TEST:



☐ Patient should avoid seafood

## **NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST:**



☐ Patients must fast overnight prior to the blood draw

For more details, please visit www.gdx.net/tests/prep

# **BLOOD COLLECTION**

Please collect the tube in one session. Label the tube with the patient's first and last name and date of birth.

- Before venipuncture, thoroughly wash the skin area with isopropyl alcohol, using two successive swabs of clean, sterile cotton. **Do not use iodine or mercury-based disinfectants/antiseptics.** Extra cleaning of the skin is important for accurate trace element analysis. **Use only stainless steel needles, with no aluminum or other metal** crimp ring.
- 2 DRAW BLOOD
- 3 BLOOD PROCESSING

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#### **NA EDTA BLUE-TOP TUBE**

**Gently invert** the tube 10 - 15 times **Refrigerate** no more than 4 days prior to shipping

**RETURN TO LAB**