

## Vasculitis Acute Patient Recruitment at Peripheral Sites

### Instructions for Clinicians:

1. Upon making a clinical diagnosis of acute vasculitis, obtain consent from the patient for enrolment in the registry and biobank. Consent documents are available to download at: [www.medicine.tcd.ie/thkc/research/thkc-ethics-docs.php](http://www.medicine.tcd.ie/thkc/research/thkc-ethics-docs.php)
2. Inform RKD study team of the potential recruit by phoning, texting or emailing Prof. Little, ([mlittle@tcd.ie](mailto:mlittle@tcd.ie) or tel: 086-6096068) or by placing a message on the “Acute Vasculitis” WhatsApp group.
3. Obtain blood samples: 3 x 9mL full blood count (EDTA) tubes and 1 x 9mL serum tube using locally available blood tubes.
4. Obtain urine sample: as large a volume as possible in one or more 30mL sterilins or any urine container. Aim to collect as much urine as possible.
5. Record the time of sampling in the patient’s notes and on each sample. If the urine is from a catheter bag please note this on the side of the container also.
6. If available, place samples in a fridge; alternatively, store samples along with consent form at the nurse’s station until collection. Clearly write on the side of the blood tubes and the urine container whether the samples were stored at room temperature or were stored at in the fridge before pick up by the courier.
7. Sample collection by the contracted courier company will be arranged by lead PI or research nurse. This will ideally be within 4 hours of sampling, but may occur the following morning if the patient was recruited during the night.
8. The samples will be brought to the central TCD lab for processing.
9. 14-21 days later, the lead research nurse will visit the site to obtain a clinical dataset. This should be collated after reference to the medical notes and discussion with the medical team caring for the patient.
10. A local recruitment log with identifiable patient data should be maintained at each peripheral site.