

Information for physicians

Type of sample	Question	Sample collection	Anticoagulant or fixative	Amount	Transportation	Possible investigation period after sample collection
Bone marrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hematogenous spread of epithelial tumors by detection of disseminated tumor cells Detection of copy number alterations (CNA analysis) 	Draw 5 ml of heparin (25,000 IU) into a 10 ml collection syringe before aspirating bone marrow into remaining syringe volume. Invert syringe carefully at least 10 times to ensure adequate heparin distribution.	Heparin	max. 20 ml	room temperature, immediate delivery after collection (<60 min)	same day
Lymph nodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lymphogenous spread of epithelial and melanocytic tumors by detection of disseminated tumor cells Detection of copy number alterations (CNA analysis) Detection of a BRAFV600E/K mutation 	Storage and transport of lymph nodes in NaCl	---	1-6 lymph nodes	room temperature, immediate delivery after excision (<60 min)	same day
Blood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of circulating tumor cells of epithelial tumors (CellSearch®), by request also with examination for HER2/neu expression Detection of copy number alterations (CNA analysis) 	Please contact the laboratory for collection tubes: SCP-Lab@ukr.de see below	Cell Save Preservative	7,5 ml	room temperature, delivery on the same or next day at the latest	96 hours
CSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of circulating tumor cells of epithelial tumors, by request also with examination for HER2/neu expression Detection of copy number alterations (CNA analysis) 	---	native	≥ 3 ml	room temperature, immediate delivery after collection (<60 min)	same day
Malignant effusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunocytological quantification Detection of copy number alterations (CNA analysis) Detection of a BRAFV600E/K mutation 	---	native	≥ 10 ml	room temperature, immediate delivery after collection (<60 min)	same day