

# How to send vitreous to the lab to get useful results

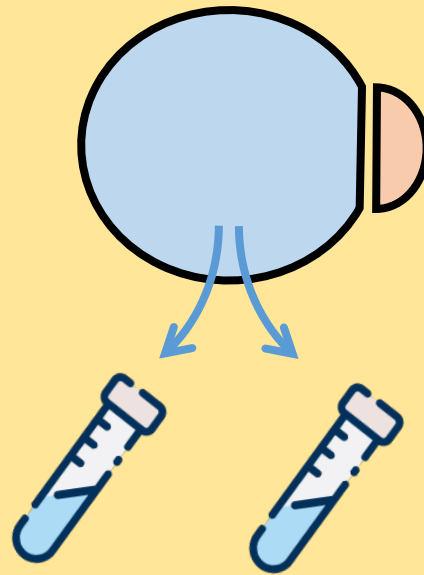
Audit of 111 vitreous biopsy over 14 years at LabPlus, Auckland showed no lymphomas were diagnosed by cytology.<sup>1</sup> There are better tests.<sup>2</sup>

## Cytology



Do not request

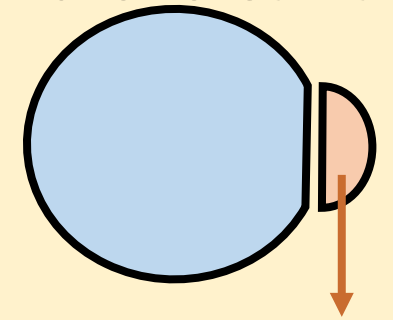
## ? lymphoma



Flow  
cytometry

MYD88

## ? viral chorioretinitis



PCR panel

HSV

CMV

VZV

Toxoplasma

1. Charlton, Amanda and Wilmshurst, Scott. Audit of vitreous biopsy at LabPlus ADHB. 2021

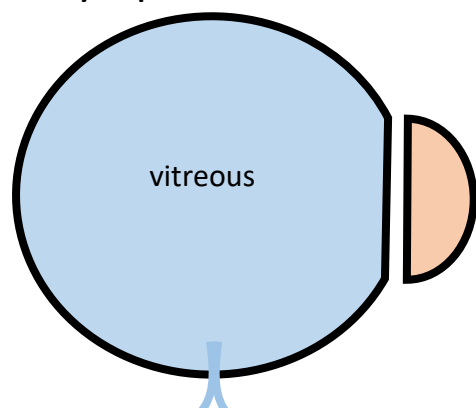
2. Details in Auckland [LabPlus Test Guide](#)

# Sending vitreous and aqueous specimens to the laboratory.

? Lymphoma

Cytology

Do not send



aqueous

Divide evenly in theatre into 2 tubes (sterile with no additives)  
Write 2 forms, use separate specimen bags  
Specimens must be received fresh at Auckland City Hospital lab within 2hrs.



Flow cytometry



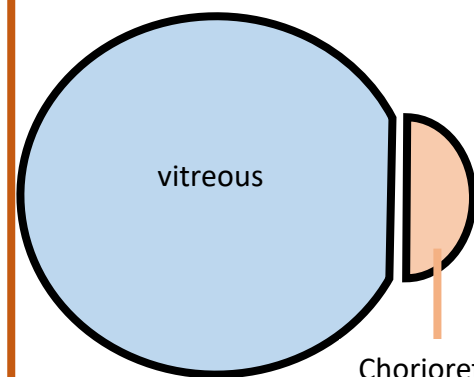
AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITAL LabPLUS Non-Blood Request Form			
Family Name		First Name	
NHI Number		Gender	
Date of Birth		Received Lab	
Time Taken		Date Taken	
Collector		Ward	
OPL		MCL	
GLCL			
AFFIX PATIENT LABEL			
CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY		MICROBIOLOGY	
SPECIMEN TYPE: Urine		SPECIMEN TYPE: Aspirated Fluid Site	
TEST: Creatinine		TEST: Bacterial Culture	
TEST: Creat Clearance		TEST: MRO	
TEST: Electrolytes		TEST: TB culture	
TEST: Albumin		TEST: MRSA	
TEST: Osmolality		TEST: Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea NAAT	
TEST: Protein		TEST: Trichomonas NAAT	
CSF		CSF	
TEST: Bacterial Culture		TEST: Bacterial Culture	
TEST: MRO		TEST: TB culture	
TEST: Fungal culture		TEST: TB culture	
TEST: Prot/Glucose		TEST: Prot/Glucose	
TEST: Tumour cytology		TEST: Tumour cytology	
OTHER TESTS (please print clearly)			
Flow Cytometry			
URGENT			

Molecular Haematology PCR for MYD88



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OTHER TESTS (please print clearly)			
PCR for MYD88 Molecular haematology			
URGENT			

? chorioretinitis



aqueous

Chorioretinitis PCR panel

HSV  
VZV  
CMV  
Toxoplasma

Virology

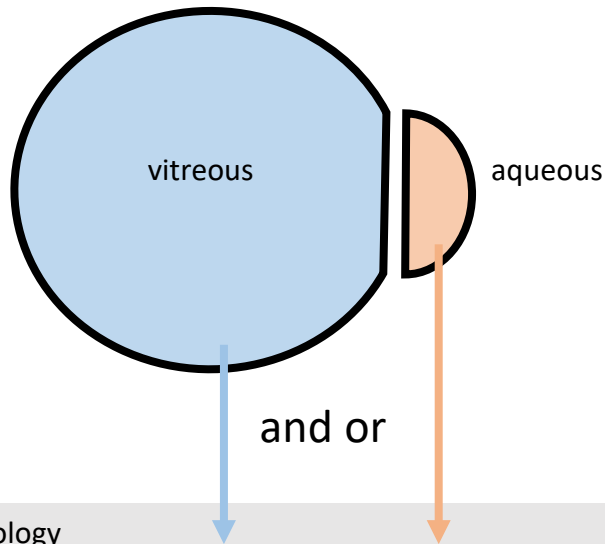


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OTHER TESTS (please print clearly)			
PCR HSV, VZV, CMV, Toxoplasma			
URGENT			

@ eye aqueous  
@ eye chorioretinitis ? infection

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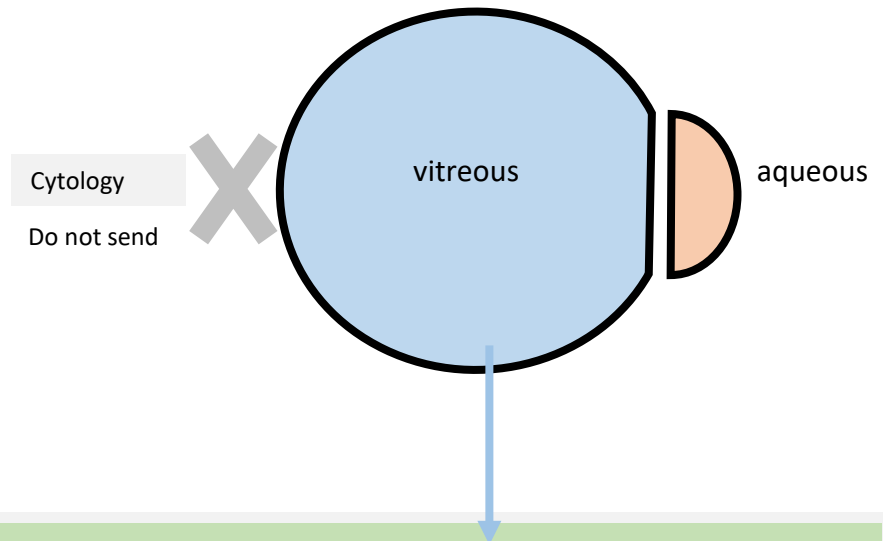
? Metastatic melanoma or carcinoma



Cytology

AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITAL Cytology Referral Form		Lab PLUS FORM C08502	Copy to:
Family Name		First Name	Received Lab
NHI Number		Gender	
Date of Birth		Ward	
Time Taken		AFFIX PATIENT LABEL	
Date Taken			
Surgeon / Collector:		Department where Collected: Please circle L4 L8 L9 SSH GCC Operating Room:	
<b>CYTOLOGY NB:</b> Please use National Cervical Screening Form for Cervical Smears. <b>Specimen Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pericardial Effusion <input type="checkbox"/> Bronch Wash <input type="checkbox"/> Gastric Wash <input type="checkbox"/> Sputum <input type="checkbox"/> Pleural Effusion <input type="checkbox"/> Bronch Brush <input type="checkbox"/> Gastric Brush <input type="checkbox"/> Voiced Urine <input type="checkbox"/> Ascites <input type="checkbox"/> BAL <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Urine <input type="checkbox"/> Peritoneal Wash <input type="checkbox"/> FNA site <input type="checkbox"/> Fat Laden Macrophages <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vitreous <input type="checkbox"/> Cyst Asp site			
<b>CLINICAL HISTORY Mandatory</b> Please include previous biopsies, therapy and reference numbers if possible <i>?metastatic melanoma / carcinoma.</i> <i>Previous [primary site malignancy]</i> Completion of this box is mandatory, if the patient is on the Faster Cancer Treatment pathway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient on Faster Cancer Treatment Pathway (FCT) Tumour Stream: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> URGENT Phone results to Dr _____ Mobile Number _____ / OR extn _____			
Clinician Ordering Tests		Mobile/locator Number:	NZMCR or practitioner code#
NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS		Signature	Date

Endophthalmitis for bacterial culture



Microbiology

AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITAL LabPLUS Non-Blood Request Form		Lab PLUS FORM C07003	Copy to:
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Date of Birth		Ward	
Time Taken		AFFIX PATIENT LABEL	
Date Taken			
Collector:			
<b>CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY</b> <b>SPECIMEN:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Urine <input type="checkbox"/> Casual <input type="checkbox"/> 24 hour <input type="checkbox"/> Other Fluids <input type="checkbox"/> Please Specify: _____ <b>TEST:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Creatinine [URE] <input type="checkbox"/> Creat Clearance [CRL] <input type="checkbox"/> Electrolytes [UWAL] <input type="checkbox"/> Albumin [HVAL] <input type="checkbox"/> Osmolality [UGS] <input type="checkbox"/> Protein [UPRO]		<b>MICROBIOLOGY</b> <b>SPECIMEN:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swab/Tissue: Site _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Swab <input type="checkbox"/> Biopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Skin scraping <input type="checkbox"/> Post mortem <input type="checkbox"/> Specimen collected in theatre <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aspirated Fluid: Site _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ascites <input type="checkbox"/> CAPD <input type="checkbox"/> Joint <input type="checkbox"/> Pleural <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L. vitreous <b>TEST:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bacterial Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea NAAT <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea/Trichomonas NAAT <b>RESPIRATORY:</b> Site _____ <input type="checkbox"/> BW/SAL <input type="checkbox"/> Nose <input type="checkbox"/> Sputum <input type="checkbox"/> T/Asp <input type="checkbox"/> Throat <input type="checkbox"/> Catheter <input type="checkbox"/> MSU <input type="checkbox"/> Poed bag <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>FAECES:</b> Admission Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> C. difficile toxin <input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Giardia/Cryptosporidia <input type="checkbox"/> Viruses	
<b>CSF</b> <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify number of tubes _____ <b>TEST:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Bacterial Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Prot/Glucose <input type="checkbox"/> Tumour cytology		<b>VIROLOGY</b> <b>SPECIMEN:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Naso-pharyngeal Swab <input type="checkbox"/> Adeno <input type="checkbox"/> BW/SAL <input type="checkbox"/> CMV <input type="checkbox"/> Urine <input type="checkbox"/> Enterovirus <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Herpes <input type="checkbox"/> Swab <input type="checkbox"/> VZV <input type="checkbox"/> Mumps <input type="checkbox"/> Bordetella <input type="checkbox"/> Resp Panel Site _____ Current Antimicrobial Therapy: _____ Supporting Clinical Information: <i>L. endophthalmitis</i>	
<b>OTHER TESTS (please specify)</b> _____			
Clinician Ordering Tests		Mobile/locator Number:	NZMCR or practitioner code#
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