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All pathology samples must be sorted into coloured transport bags by discipline as follows:

- Place each patient's samples (with forms attached) into an ICE bag
- Place each ICE bag into the relevant colour transport bag
- Seal all transport bags and hand to the courier for transfer to the laboratory
- Please ensure ALL transport bags are ready for collection at the allocated time

Bag colour	Yellow Bag	Blue Bag	Green Bag	Red Bag	Purple Bag
Discipline	<p>Histology</p>  <p>Non-Gynae Histology (Yellow top)</p>	<p>Microbiology</p>  <p>Urine Boric Acid (Red top) Microscopy & Culture</p>  <p>Stool collection sample (Blue top) Culture, Parasitology, Helicobacter</p>  <p>Serum Gel (Brown top) Serology/Virology</p>  <p>Swabs</p>	<p>Blood Science</p>  <p>EDTA - Group & Save (Blue top)</p>  <p>Serum gel (Brown top)</p>  <p>Fluoride Oxalate (Yellow top)</p>  <p>EDTA (Red top)</p>  <p>Citrate (Green top)</p>  <p>Li-Hep (Orange top)</p>  <p>Urine Monovette Container (Yellow top)</p>  <p>Stool collection sample (Blue top) Faecal Elastase & Calprotectin</p> 	<p>Clinically URGENT NEESPS samples ONLY</p> <p>All disciplines</p>	<p>Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital</p> <p>HPV Samples ONLY</p>  <p>HPV Gynae Histology (White top)</p> <p>Please contact NNUH i regarding consumables or general information. Cytology Office Manager 01603 287412 Cytology Office Deputy Manager 01603 286035</p>

For advice and support, contact the Pathology Service Desk on 0333 103 2220 or email pathp.servicedesk@nhs.net