

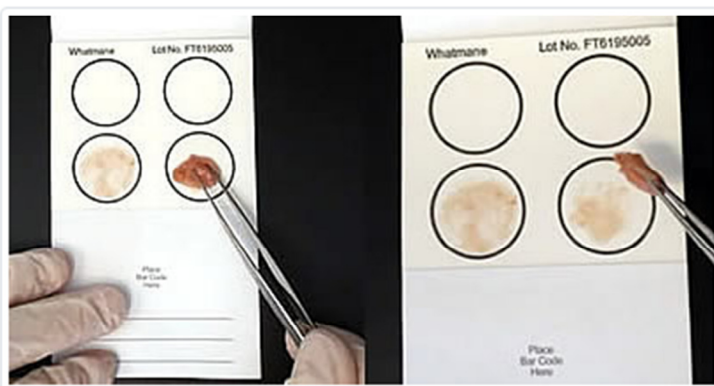
Instructions for Sample Collection

Collection of Tissue Samples for Diagnosis by RT/PCR (Instructions)

1. Use Whatman FTA cards. Do not write or touch in sample area. Label cards in space provided.



2. Aseptically collect tissue containing the suspect virus. Cut each tissue and press the cut face onto the FTA card surface, 1 sample per each circle. Make sure the samples do not overlap.



3. Make sure there is no excess tissue on cards and allow the cards to dry before closing them. This is important because if the cards are wet when they are shipped, bacteria can grow and contaminate the sample. Examples of poorly prepared cards are shown below:



4. Seal and ship the samples at room temperature, **they do not need to be on ice or frozen.**