

Annexure A
Important Information for Patients and Doctors sending samples for Viral diagnosis at RMRCT

Project:

Establishment of Virology laboratory under ICMR virology network project at RMRCT, Jabalpur, MP

Purpose:

The purpose is to provide diagnostic services to community and to understand epidemiology of different viral diseases of public health importance in central India, using serological and molecular diagnostic tools.

Procedure:

If you or your relative has been suspected of any viral disease (infection) then we/your doctor will take your sample/s e.g. blood (about 5 ml from arm)/ throat swab (TS) / nasopharyngeal aspiration (NPA). We/ Your doctor will ask few questions in ~10 minutes. Then we will test the samples for presence of virus / antibody for the concerned virus.

Risk and Discomfort:

There is little discomfort and minimum risk if you take part in the project. You or your relative may have a brief moment of minor pain when blood is taken or mild cough/ vomiting when throat swab/ NPA is taken. Minor bleeding or bruising may rarely occur. We will refer for appropriate treatment if any such incident happens.

Benefits:

Accurate, timely and free diagnosis of the virus (if) responsible for your disease/ ailment will be provided to you and your physician, which will help in your appropriate and prompt treatment. In the larger prospective this will also aid in understanding the epidemiology of viral diseases in central India.

Compensation:

There will be no compensation for you to take part in the project.

Confidentiality:

We will keep all data that you give about you or your relative private to the extent allowed by the law and only sample numbers will be used for any analysis.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or if any problem arises please contact-

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Long term storage of samples for future tests:

There may be some left over samples after this study is over. We want to store any such left over sample. We may use it for other studies in future. You or your relative can still be in the study even if you do not want the sample stored for future use and will still get appropriate medical care.