

Attachments:**PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF BLOOD FOR
DETECTION OF MICROFILARIA****MATERIALS SUPPLIED: (This is the Kit)**

- 1 tube containing **9 ml** --2% Formalin (Tube A)
- 1 tube containing **2ml**-- 5% Sodium Citrate (Tube B)
- 1 Instruction sheet

NOTE: In addition to the “Kit” an **EDTA tube** with blood should also be submitted

PROCEDURE:

1. Collect a total of 10 mLs of whole blood by venipuncture.
2. Place 1-2 mL of whole blood into **Tube A** containing 2% formalin.
3. Ensure the cap is tight. Then mix thoroughly.
4. Place the remaining 8-9 mLs of whole blood into **Tube B** containing 5% Sodium Citrate.
5. Ensure the cap is tight. Then mix thoroughly.
6. Label tubes with patient identification (name, hospital number, date and time of collection, physician's name and ward.)
7. Place tubes in porta-pouch bag and accompanying requisition in sleeve.
Indicate clinical and travel history on the requisition.
8. Indicate on requisition: “**For detection of microfilarial worms**” **Attention: Parasitology Bench ProvLab, Edmonton.**
9. **Submit the specimen(s) to the laboratory ensuring the caps are tighten and the tubes are packaged so they will not break in transit.**