MTN 017 Real-Time PK Testing

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Objectives

- Specimen Handling
- Specimen Management
- Specimen Shipping
- Test Results
- Q&A

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Specimen Handling

- Plasma for PK
 - Collected at every Mid Period and End Period visit (Visits 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10)
 - Whole blood (EDTA) will be spun down to obtain plasma and stored at -80°C within 8 hours of collection.
 - Specimens will be accompanied by an LDMS Tracking sheet and logged into LDMS.





Specimen Management

- All specimens must be tracked according to site Chain of Custody.
- CRFs are required for specimens reported to SCHARP.
- All collected samples will be reported from SCHARP to the MTN NL to assure that samples are being shipped for testing in a timely manner.



Specimen Shipping

- One month after the first participant enrolls biweekly shipments of plasma for PK should be initiated.
- All shipping staff must be IATA certified.
- All shipments must be accompanied by an LDMS Shipping Manifest.



Specimen Shipping cont.

- Specimens will be shipped on dry ice to the MTN Pharmacology Core to arrive by **Thursday** for testing on Friday.
- Prior to shipping sites must notify the MTN NL and Pharmacology Core by e-mail with tracking details along with LDMS generated and excel batch files.



Specimen Shipping cont.

Shipping costs will be billed directly to the MTN NL. World Courier and FedEx accounts numbers will be available.

Please reference MTN-017-9231 for all PK shipments



PK Test Results



- Results will be available within 10 business days of specimens being received at the Pharmacology Core.
- The MTN Pharmacology Core will report qualitative results to the sites on a spreadsheet in pdf format via e-mail. Quantitative results will be sent to SCHARP.



Specimen Flow Chart

Specimen collected in clinic



Specimen processed and stored within 8 hrs



Ship biweekly for arrival on Thursdays



Results reported to participant



Results sent via e-mail within 10 business days



PK assays performed on Fridays



