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1. OBJECTIVE

The aim of this procedure is to guarantee safety, timely and efficient blood samples preservation from patients that have signed the informed consent form and agree with the participation in the Pulmonary Biobank Consortium.

2. SCOPE

This procedure describes how to collect, process and store whole blood samples.

This procedure does not detail occupational safety and health regarding biohazard material and/or chemicals processes. It is recommended that the staff follows the established Health and Safety rules of each center.

3. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Not applicable

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The fulfilment of this standard protocol rests with all the members of the Pulmonary Biobank Consortium who are responsible for management, processing and storage of complete blood samples.

5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Recommended materials and equipment are listed below. Depending on the place where the task or procedure is performed, these materials may be replaced by alternative or equivalent products.

Materials and Equipment	Materials and Equipment (specific to center)
Bag or container for transportation in hospital	

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Blood extraction tube for hemogram and/or hematology, with anticoagulant EDTA (K2E or K3E)	
Centrifuge with blood extraction tubes adapter	
Sterile Pasteur pipettes	
Rack for blood extraction tubes	
Rack for cryotubes	
1,5-2ml sterile cryotubes	
Pens and markers	
Gloves to protect staff when manipulating blood and/or biohazard material	
Filter paper	
Lab coat for protection against spills and splashes	
Adequate and suitable labels for collection tubes	
Labeling printer	
Cryostorage boxes	
-80°C ultrafreezer	

6. GLOSSARY

Anticoagulant: Substance that prevents blood coagulation.

EDTA: Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid. EDTA attracts calcium ions blocking coagulation cascade.

7. PROCEDURES**7.1 COORDINATION FOR BLOOD SAMPLE EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING**

1. Blood must be collected before surgery and close to the day when lung tissue extraction is performed. Time between blood extraction and freezing at -80°C should not exceed 45min.
2. The designated person, who will carry out this procedure, knowing the schedule of surgery, will coordinate with the qualified staff ensuring properly tubes identification and appropriate sample extraction.

7.2 TUBE VERIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION

1. Verify patient information ensuring privacy and ethics contemplated by *Data Protection Law*. Make sure that blood extraction tubes are properly labeled and correspond to the available patient information.
2. Label one biochemistry tube with anticoagulant EDTA to obtain aliquots of whole blood.

7.3. OBTAINING WHOLE BLOOD SAMPLES

1. Extract blood in an identified extraction tube for hemogram and/or hematology (with EDTA as anticoagulant).
2. Immediately after extraction, invert softly the tube to ensure proper mixing with the anticoagulant EDTA-K3E/K2E.
3. Take the tube to the lab to start processing it, ensuring there are no more than 45 minutes time lapse between extraction and processing. Follow the rules for safe transportation of biohazard material established in your center.
4. Prepare 4-5 cryotubes for complete blood storage and label them properly.
5. With a sterile Pasteur pipette, transfer carefully 0,5ml of complete blood into each cryotube properly labeled.
6. Store cryotubes in cryostorage boxes and place them in a -80°C freezer.
7. Register location of the stored sample in the Pulmonary Biobank Consortium's software.

8. APPLICABLE REFERENCES, LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES

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