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Varicella Contact in Pregnancy Form			

Send to: REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY, Kelvin Building, Royal Group of Hospitals Trust, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA. Direct Tel 028 96 155645 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY

Surname		Forename		D.O.B	
Patients Address			H&C No.		
_____			Hospital		Consultant/GP
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Postcode			Ward/Clinic		
<p>Women with a definite history of chickenpox – do not require a VZ antibody test or VZIG, unless they are also immunocompromised.</p> <p>Women with no/uncertain history of chickenpox – test for VZ antibody after a significant contact with chickenpox or zoster.* If the result is negative or equivocal we will phone you and arrange for VZIG to be given. This must be within 10 days of contact.</p> <p>Allow 2 working days after receipt of specimen in the lab for a test result: if necessary, arrange urgent transport of the blood specimen to the lab. Please complete the section below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If VZIG is required, we will arrange delivery to you by courier from the RVH Pharmacy. • When supplies of VZIG are short, issues to pregnant women may be restricted. <p>* Significant exposure to varicella includes: continuous home contact; contact in the same room for 15 minutes or more; face-to-face contact e.g. having a conversation, with a case of a) chickenpox or b) exposed shingles, disseminated zoster or localised zoster in an immunocompromised patient.</p> <p>For more detailed guidance see the varicella chapter in 'Immunisation against Infectious Disease', the DH "Green Book" http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_063665.pdf (clickable link)</p>					
Nature of contact _____ Gestational stage _____ Timing of contact _____ Report negative test result to: _____ Tel no: _____ Out of hours/mobile: _____					
Specimen type(s): Clotted blood <input type="checkbox"/>		Specimen Date & Time		Lab use	
Signature				Code: {BVZG}	

- Transport specimens to laboratory in sealed specimen bags. Ensure specimen container lids are well secured to prevent leakage in transit.
- For clinical virology advice contact Duty Virologist E-mail: bl.dutyvirologist@belfasttrust.hscni.net Mobile: 07889086946