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<b>Virology General Request Form</b>			

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**AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY**

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<p><b>Clinical details (please include system affected/symptoms, onset date/duration if relevant and tests required if known)</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Immunity tests (see notes below) specify</b> .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>General notes about virology tests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tests for immunity</b> Post-vaccine testing for immunity is available for hepatitis B and rubella. It is NOT recommended for measles, mumps, VZV and HAV as the assays used are not sensitive enough for vaccine induced IgG. We can test for immunity from natural exposure to CMV, EBV, erythrovirus B19, HAV and VZV</li> <li>• Please avoid the terms "viral screening", "routine virology", "viral studies" or "viral titres" as these terms are confusing and unhelpful. Instead, please provide brief patient clinical details and duration of illness, which allows us to choose appropriate tests. Please do not send request forms without the patient's date of birth</li> </ul>			
<b>Specimen Date &amp; Time</b>		<b>Lab use</b>	

- Specimens should be packaged as per the laboratory user manual. 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](mailto:bl.dutyvirologist@belfasttrust.hscni.net) Mobile: 07889086946