

# Quick Guide QuantiferON<sup>®</sup>-TB Gold Blood Collection

## Option 1: Incubate at Collection Site

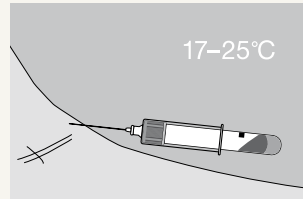
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### BLOOD COLLECTION



Collect 1mL blood by venipuncture into each QFT blood collection tube.

**Tubes should be at 17–25°C at the time of blood filling.**

*Tubes fill slowly—hold tube on needle for 2–3 seconds after flow ceases.*

*If blood level is not close to the black mark on the side of the tube label, obtain another sample.*

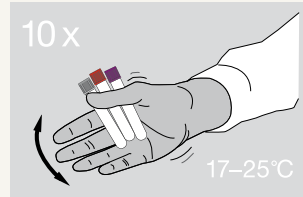
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Butterfly needles—prime tubing with a “purge” tube (not supplied) before filling QFT tubes.



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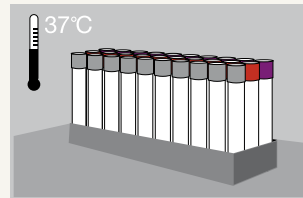
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*Label tubes appropriately.*



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### SHIPPING / INCUBATION



#### Incubate at Collection site

Blood must be incubated as soon as possible (and within 16 hours of collection). Incubate tubes **upright** at 37°C for 16–24 hours.

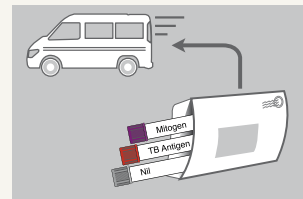
*Humidity/CO<sub>2</sub> not required.*

*Portable incubators are available from Cellestis.*

If tubes are not incubated at 37°C soon after collection, re-mix tubes by inverting ten (10) times immediately prior to incubation.

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### SHIPPING / INCUBATION



Ship incubated tubes to testing laboratory (within 3 days, if not centrifuged)

*Maintain tubes at 4 – 27°C .*

#### Technical Tip

Label tubes as “Incubated”.

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## Option 2: Incubate at Laboratory

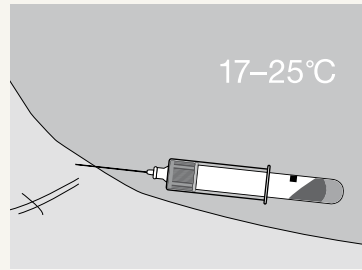
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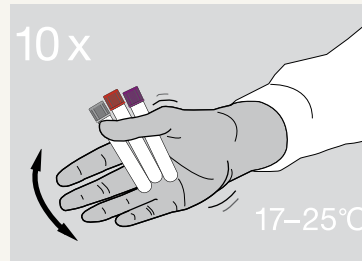
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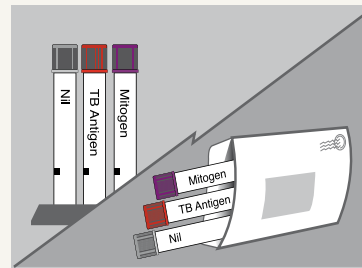
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### SHIPPING / INCUBATION



#### Incubate at Laboratory

Ship tubes to laboratory at 17–27°C.

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