

The Leishmaniasis Clinic
Parasitic Disease Research Unit,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Free of charge services available

- Sample collection for diagnosis of leishmaniasis
- Laboratory investigations
- Technical advice on sample collection and transport
- Expert advice on case management and follow up
- Hospital visits on request for referrals
- Patient follow up service
- Diagnostic assistance to MLT/PHLTs (Technical officers) in health sector
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- Cross examination support for patient samples reported elsewhere

Laboratory investigations offered

- Light microscopy
- *In-vitro* cultivation of parasites
- PCR
- rK39 serological assay

Samples recommended

Parasitological confirmation:

Aspirations, slit scrapings, biopsies, touch smears.
Bone marrow, splenic/liver/lymph node aspirations.
Blood (useful only for screening).

*Contact the laboratory prior to sample collection

Transport of samples

Note: *Instructions, collection tubes and requests forms are provided by the laboratory.*

Please contact us prior to sample collection.

Sample reception

Weekdays, until 1.00 pm in order to allow 3 hours for immediate processing required for parasite cultivation.

Other times, by prior appointment.



Referrals are accepted on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon
except on public holidays.

Alternative dates and times are available by appointment.

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