**SAMPLING AND SHIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOXOPLASMA PCR TESTING**

A) IN PREGNANT WOMEN:

**IMPORTANT**: Before we will test for the presence *T gondii* DNA in amniotic liquid, the confirmation of the presence of IgM and IgG anti-toxoplasma in the mother is necessary.

1) Draw 10 ml of amniotic liquid after the 18th week of pregnancy. The specimen must be stored in the refrigerator immediately. Please indicate on the requisition the number of weeks of pregnancy and any relevant clinical information.

2) The sample must be keep cold during transport. Forward the sample on an ice-pack within 24 hours following the sampling. **DO NOT FREEZE THE AMNIOTIC LIQUID**.

 B) IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED HOSTS

**PCR can be done in whole blood, CSF and washing broncho-alveolaire**

 1)      Blood: a minimum of 3 ml is required
2)      CSF: a minimum of 1 ml is required
3)      Washing broncho-alveolaire: a minimum of 10 ml is required

**DO NOT FREEZE ANY OF THESE SAMPLES.**