

**Memo no.:** 2023-002  
**Date:** 23-Jan-2024  
**Memo to:** Clients  
**Re:** Shipping Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and Category A specimens to ICL

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Specimens collected from CJD-diagnosed patients or patients being investigated for CJD should not be shipped to ICL without prior approval from ICL. ICL testing labs generally do not accept such specimens and require prior approval as well. The same holds true for other prion diseases.

Prior to shipping such specimens, contact ICL to determine whether specimens should be shipped to ICL or not. In some cases, there may not be an ICL test site capable of providing the service or in some cases, specimen transport directly to the testing lab may be necessary.

If you have shipped a specimen to ICL and subsequently find out it is being investigated for CJD or other prion disease, please contact ICL at once so that safety measures can be taken.

Please remember also not to ship any Category A specimens to ICL without prior approval from ICL.

Your cooperation in these important safety issues is appreciated.

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If you have further questions, please contact Client Care at 416-422-3000 ext. 300 or [info@iclabs.ca](mailto:info@iclabs.ca)

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