**Request to doctors who request specimen measurement**

Thank you for your continued support for specimen testing.

Please be aware of the following points when submitting specimens in the future.

Although Dr. Satoh, who used to perform the tests, has moved from the Department of Infectious Molecules to the Department of Health Sciences (Neurology), Division of Medical Sciences, Nagasaki University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the tests are still performed at the former First Anatomy Room on the 3rd floor of the Basic Building, Nagasaki University School of Medicine.

In addition, we have received comments that the application form was confusing, and after discussion with the JACOP Secretariat of the CJD Surveillance Committee, we have changed the prion disease-related cerebrospinal fluid test request form (now the Surveillance Survey Form).

1. How to apply: (All communication is done by e-mail until the specimen is sent to us.)

First, please send us an e-mail with your request. We will send you a receipt number by return.

2. Precautions for sending specimens

Specimens should be sent frozen (-20°C). (Please send 1 to 2 cc of both spinal fluid and plasma.)

When sending specimens, please make sure to address them to "Nagasaki University School of Medicine, Basic Building, 3rd Floor, Old First Anatomy, Katsuya Satoh".

Department of Anatomy 1, Basic Building 3F, 1-12-4 Sakamoto, Nagasaki 852-8523, Japan

095-819-7017

Specimens should arrive at our laboratory between 10:00 and 11:00 AM (Monday through Friday). If you cannot specify a specific time, please specify the time in the morning.

Specimens arriving on Saturday and Sunday will not be accepted. (We started this system in the latter half of October.

(We started this system in the second half of October, but some specimens have already arrived on Saturdays and Sundays. Please be sure to observe this rule!)

Please make sure to write the receipt number clearly on the courier or other delivery slip for specimens.

Please be sure to attach a screw cap or Eppendorf tube to the specimen when sending it to us. We would also appreciate it if you could use paraffin to prevent it from coming out of the tube.

3.We have seen many cases where our test results are used in academic conferences or papers without our permission. Please inform us if you use our test results for a conference or paper.

There are still people who do not follow the rules and use our test results without permission. Please be careful.

4. Please be careful where you send the surveillance survey form. Please send the completed surveillance questionnaire to Nagasaki University (e-mail: nagasakiprion@yahoo.co.jp) and the Prion Surveillance Secretariat (e-mail: prion-ncnp@ncnp.go.jp).

5. Please send the Consent Confirmation Form [Form 2]  and "Prion Disease Surveillance and Infection Prevention Research" Group Consent Confirmation Form for Prion Disease Surveillance (Field Survey (and Natural History Survey) to the Prion Surveillance Secretariat (e-mail: prion-ncnp@ncnp.go.jp).

6. Finally, here is a checklist before sending.

・CSF (cerebrospinal fluid) and plasma

・Test request form (be sure to check if it is urgent)

・Surveillance Questionnaire to be sent to Nagasaki University and the Surveillance Office via e-mail

・Nagasaki University Consent Form

・"Prion Disease Surveillance and Infection Prevention Research Group" Prion Disease Surveillance (Field Survey)(and natural history survey) [Form 2].

・CD of MR images

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＊Our research is conducted in collaboration with JACOP (Japanese Consortium of Prion disease), a national organization for conducting clinical research to elucidate the natural history and pathogenesis of prion diseases and to develop new therapeutic agents. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

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