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- Label slide with patient name, UR No and DOB, date of collection, site of collection
- Place the slide in a secure holder so that the coverslip is not dislodged during transit.

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