

## **Section 10.23**

### **TAS General Protocol for Mononuclear Cells Separation (processing for PBMC)**

**Aim:** Preserving viable cells for research

**Purpose:** Establishing a technique that is carried out for all research protocols that need PBMC processing and storage.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** THIS IS A STERILE PROCESSING PROCEDURE,  
USE STERILE TECHNIQUE

#### **Material**

1. PBS (room temperature)
2. PBS (+4°C)
3. CPT tube
4. Centrifuge tube 15 mL
5. Eppendorf tube 1,5 mL

#### **Procedure**

Gently invert the CPT tube 5-10 times before starting procedure

- 1) Centrifuge the CPT tube at 1500 rcf (2850 rpm on "Beckman" centrifuge) at room temperature for up to 30 min.
  - 2) Obtain the sample number from database and label a 15 mL tube with the number.
  - 3) Label an eppendorf tube (Tracking Number, patient study ID) and put the tube on wet ice.
  - 4) Discard the top layer of serum and transfer the PMBC suspension (usually about 2 mLs) into the 15 mL -entrifuge tube (labeled with corresponded number).
  - 5) Add 10 mL of PBS (room temperature) and mix by inverting.
  - 6) Centrifuge the 15mL tube at -1600 rpm at +4°C "Beckman" for 7) 20 min.
- From this point on keep sample on wet ice
- 8) Aspirate as much supernatant as possible without disturbing cell pellet.
  - 9) Re-suspend the cells pellet in 1 mL of PBS (+4°C).
  - 10) Transfer the cell suspension into the 1,5 mL Eppendorf tube.
  - 11) Centrifuge the Eppendorf tube on centrifuge -2000 rpm at +4°C for 15min.
  - 12) Aspirate as much supernatant as possible without disturbing cell pellet.
  - 13) Snap-freeze the Eppendorf tube with cell pellet in dry ice and put in freezer with under -80° C conditions.