



# CERVIDAE HEALTH RESEARCH INITIATIVE

**Each Necropsy Kit Contains:** One pair of gloves, one EDTA tube (purple top) for whole blood, one 3cc or 5cc syringe with 18g needle, 5 sterile Whirlpaks, 1 foam cooler.

We are sorry you have lost a deer. We hope to provide you quality results. In order to do so, please collect samples for testing within 12 hours of death of your animal to ensure the highest quality results. In animals dead >48 hours, it is unlikely we will be able to obtain reliable results. To use this kit, please view instructional video found online at: [wec.ifas.ufl.edu/cheri/diagnostics](http://wec.ifas.ufl.edu/cheri/diagnostics). Scroll until you find the video. If you would like us to send you more kits, or have additional questions about specimen submission, please email [ufifas.cheri@gmail.com](mailto:ufifas.cheri@gmail.com) or [merrie.urban@ufl.edu](mailto:merrie.urban@ufl.edu) or call **352-562-3337 (352-562-DEER)**.

1. Before necropsy, please puncture the heart and the fill the following:
  - Whole blood in a purple top EDTA tube (1x)  
If blood in the heart is too clotted to sample, please move on to step 2.
2. First, place a portion of the heart in Whirlpak.
3. Next, place a portion of the lung in the labeled Whirlpak.
4. Next and most importantly, place a portion of the spleen in the labeled Whirlpak.
5. Place other organs of interest (kidneys, liver, stomachs, or any place you might see hemorrhage into a Whirlpak) - 1 tissue per baggie and please label with tissue name.
6. Place all tissues and blood in a cooler in PLENTY OF ICE PACKS. Place the foam insulated cooler ice in a secondary container- ideally a larger box and mail to the following address overnight:

Dr. Juan Campos-Krauer  
2015 SW 16 Ave  
Room VC-74  
Gainesville, Florida 32608

Priority Overnight via FedEx using this account number: **1382-2276-4**

At the end you should have collected:

1. One tube of blood (if possible)
2. Lung, heart, spleen, liver, and kidneys in Whirlpaks

\*IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL WHIRLPAKS, PLEASE CALL US. We cannot accept tissues or other specimens that do not adhere to this protocol.

**Weekend Delivery:** Please note that weekend & holiday deliveries are not possible due to unavailability of receiving personnel. Packages should be shipped so that they arrive no later than 4:00PM Monday-Friday.

**Sample Integrity:** Samples should be submitted in the timeliest manner possible to prevent deterioration and ensure diagnostic integrity. Ship specimens so that they arrive no later than 3 days after collection. Refrigerate specimens if not shipping immediately. Do not freeze.