BMC

Performing Location

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Specimen Type

Serum

Preferred Container

Gold ONLY

Minimum Volume

1.0 mL (Serum)

Multiple tests can be performed from this volume.

For question please contact the lab at 547-3975.

Transportation Needs

Deliver specimen to laboratory within 1 hour of collection if unspun.

If not possible see "Storage Requirements".

Storage Requirements

Instruction for handling specimens at Outreach sites:

Collect in Gold (SST) top tube.

Centrifuge specimen within 2 hours of collection.

Do not remove the cap.

Stable 48 hours at 2-8 °C.

Store and transport refrigerated.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

Frozen specimen

> 48 hours at 2-8° Celsius

Uncentrifuged > 2 hour

All other tubes or anticoagulant other than serum gold.

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range	High Critical Value	Low Critical Value
All Populations	mmol/L	1.05-1.35	>1.63	< 0.75

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology Nova Prime Plus: Ion-specific electrode

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