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Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Serum or Plasma

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top tube

Alternate Container

Green top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL Serum/Plasma

Multiple test can be performed from this volume.

For question please contact the lab at 547-3975.

Storage Requirements

Sample tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection

Gold tops DO NOT ALIQUOT

Aliquot Red tops

See Causes of Rejection for temperature requirements.

Transportation Needs

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

If not possible see "Storage Requirements".

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

- > 7 days refrigerated
- > 14 hours room temperature
- > 3 months frozen

Creatinine > 30 mg/dL

Urea >500 mg/dL

Uric acid >20 mg/dL

No add-ons to plasma

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 1500 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 40 mg/dL Bili

Reference Values

Risk Classification (NCEP III Guidelines)						
Parameter	Population	Units	Range	Desirable	Borderline	High Risk
HDL Cholesterol	=18 years</td <td>mg/dL</td> <td>≥ 45</td> <td>≥ 40</td> <td></td> <td></td>	mg/dL	≥ 4 5	≥ 40		
	> 18 years	mg/dL	≥60	≥60	40 - 59	< 40

Available STAT

No

Methodology Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

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