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Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Serum

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL Serum

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 hour of collection followed by transfer of the serum (red) or plasma (green top) to a labeled plastic, aliquot tube.

Gold tops do not need to be aliquoted

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

- > 8 days refrigerated
- > 4 hours room temperature
- > 3 months frozen

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 500 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 40 mg/dL Bili

EDTA, Heparin, NaF, Citrate, Oxalate

Reference Values

Units	Reference Range
mg/dL	19.0-52.0

Available STAT

No

Methodology Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

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