

LAB274 Direct Antiglobulin Test (DAT)

BMC, FTT, CRH, OCH, LFH, FOX

Specimen Type

Blood

Preferred Container

6 mL Pink (EDTA) top tube

7 mL Lavender (EDTA) top tube

Storage Requirements

PINK top tubes: Specimens from outreach centers should be kept refrigerated prior to and during shipment.

Do NOT centrifuge or separate plasma from cells.

Transportation Needs

Specimens should be sent to the laboratory promptly.

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Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Reflex Testing

When the DAT is positive using poly-specific anti-human globulin, a DAT workup is performed and billed (CPT: 86880×4) using monospecific reagents (anti-IgG and anti-Complement). If the DAT workup indicates that the DAT is positive due to the anti-IgG.

An elution procedure is performed and billed (CPT's: 86860, 86870) on the IgG positive cells to determine antibody specificity.

Available STAT

Yes

CPT Code

86880