BMC, FOX, FTT, CRH, LFH, OCH, FCC, HRK

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Serum or Plasma

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top tube

Alternate Container

Green or Gray top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL Serum or Plasma

Transportation Needs

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

If not possible see "Storage Requirements".

Storage Requirements

Sample tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hour of collection followed by transfer of the serum (red or gold top) or plasma (green top) to a labeled plastic, aliquot tube.

See Causes of Rejection for temperature requirements.

Gray top tubes do not require centrifugation for transport up to 48 hrs.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

Stressed patient (surgery, infection, corticosteroids).

- > 72 hours refrigerated
- > 8 hours room temperature
- > 5 days frozen

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 700 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 40 mg/dL Bili

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range	High Critical Value	Low Critical Value
All Populations	mg/dL	100-135	>450	<40

Diagnostic Criteria for Antepartum Screen (1GCT) is any glucose > 135 mg/dl. Acceptable response is </= 135 mg/dL Diagnostic Criteria for Antepartum diabetes following a 1 hour 50g dose of Glucola is > 135 mg/dL

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

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