BMC, CRH, LFH, OCH, FTT, FOX

Performing Location(s)

BMC, CRH, LFH, OCH, FTT, FOX

Specimen Type

Serum or Plasma

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top tube

Alternate Container

Lavender or Pink (EDTA)
Green (Lithium or Sodium Heparin)

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

1 mL Serum/Plasma

Transportation Needs

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

If not possible see "Storage Requirements".

Aliquoted specimens must be frozen within 1 hour for transport.

Storage Requirements

Specimens being transported to the lab via packing list must be frozen for transport.

Gold top or red top tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection.

Whole blood EDTA can be spun up to 24 hours.

Serum/Plasma samples must be aliquoted and tested within 1 hour of centrifugation.

If testing cannot be performed within 1 hour of centrifugation, aliquoted specimen must be refrigerated until testing is performed.

Specimens may be refrigerated (2-8°C) for up to 48 hours or frozen (-10°C) for up to 3 months. Specimens must be at room temperature (15-30°C) when tested.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

Aliquoted Serum/plasma samples > 1 hour at room temperature

Aliquoted Serum/plasma samples > 48 hours old refrigerated

Aliquoted Serum/Plasma > 3 month frozen

Clotted anticoagulated specimens

Unspun whole blood samples > 24 hours old at room temperature

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
All Populations	none	Negative

Available STAT

No

Methodology Rapid Immunochromatographic

CPT Code

86308