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Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Whole Blood

Preferred Container

Lavender Top

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

500 µL whole blood

Transportation Needs

Deliver to the laboratory within 12 hours

Storage Requirements

Refrigerate up to 24 hours Do NOT freeze

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

Clotted specimens

Macroscopic clot detected with wooden sticks

Fibrin strands with platelet involvement on peripheral smear

Less than 250µL of sample for microtainer tubes

Collection in 6.0 mL pink or purple top vacutainer

Collection in any anticoagulant other than K2EDTA

- > 24 hours refrigerated for CBC and/or differential
- > 12 hours at room temp
- > 24 hours refrigerated for reticulocytes

Samples drawn above an IV line

Contaminated line draws

Additional Information

Stained slide is held in Lab for Hem-Onc Consult.

Slides may be held at MIBH Laboratory.

Stained slides are stored for 1 year.

Available STAT

Yes

CPT Code

Not Billable