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Performing Location

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Specimen Type

Serum

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top tube

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 hours of collection followed by transfer of the serum (red) 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

- > 7 days refrigerated
- > 24 hours room temperature
- > 2 months frozen

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 225 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 40 mg/dL Bili

> 8 hours old unprotected from light

Reference Values

Units	Reference Range
mg/dL	17-34

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

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