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Performing Location(s)

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Serum

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

1 mL Serum

Multiple test can be performed from this volume.

For question please contact the lab at 547-3975.

Transportation Needs

Does not need to be sent from outreach sites frozen, can be sent spun and refrigerated in primary tube.

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 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

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

- > 5 months refrigerated
- > 3 hours room temperature
- > 5 months frozen

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 1500 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 20 mg/dL Bili

EDTA, Heparin, NaF, Citrate, Oxalate

TP < 4.2 or > 12.1 g/dL

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
Male	ng/mL	0.1-4.0

Available STAT

No

Methodology Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

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