

LAB196 Protein, Total, Body Fluid

BMC

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Body Fluid

Preferred Container

Red top tube

Alternate Container

Green top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL Body Fluid

Storage Requirements

Refrigerate the sample if a delay in transportation to the laboratory is anticipated.

Transportation Needs

Deliver specimen to the laboratory within 1 hour of collection.

If not possible see “Storage Requirements”

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Specimen too viscous to analyze

Specimen contaminated with blood

Specimen in citrate

> 2 hours at room temperature

> 4 days refrigerated

Reference Values

Fluid Type	Units	Reference Range
All Populations	gm/dL	Not established

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

84157