

LAB21006 pH, Gastric

BMC

Performing Location(s)

BMC, FTT

Specimen Type

Gastric Contents, vomitus or nasogastric

Preferred Container

Sterile container

Alternate Container

Random Urine Tube

Volume Required

1 mL

Storage Requirements

Testing must be completed within 2 hours of collection.

Transportation Needs

Deliver to laboratory immediately.

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A STAT Courier will need to be arranged to have specimen delivered to the testing location.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Insufficient quantity

Grossly bloody

> 2 hours at room temperature

> 2 hours refrigerated

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
All populations	None	1.0 - 3.0

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

pH paper – hydrogen ion concentration

CPT Code

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