

LAB206 Rheumatoid Factor

BMC

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Serum

Preferred Container

Gold top tube

Alternate Container

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.

Storage Requirements

Sample tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hour of collection followed by transfer of the serum (red) or plasma (green top) 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

> 8 days refrigerated

> 24 hours room temp

> 3 months frozen

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 750 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 40 mg/dL Bili

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
All Populations	IU/mL	0 <14

A negative result does not exclude rheumatoid arthritis. Conversely, certain non-rheumatoid conditions may elicit a positive results. Interpret in conjunction with other clinical findings.

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

86431