BMC, HRK

Performing Location(s)

BMC, HRK

Specimen Type

Serum or Plasma

Preferred Container

Gold or Red top tube

Alternate Container

Green top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL Serum or Plasma

Storage Requirements

Sample tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection followed by transfer of the serum (red or gold top) or plasma (green top) to a labeled plastic, aliquot tube. 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

- > 4 days refrigerated
- > 24 hours room temperature
- > 2 months frozen

Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 500 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 20 mg/dL Bili

Reference Interval

All Population	Units	Reference Range
	mg/dL	7-25

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

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