**BMC** 

## **Performing Location(s)**

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# **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 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 hours of collection Gold tops are stable in original tubes for 7 days DO NOT ALIQUOT Aliquot Red tops 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
> 5 days refrigerated
> 48 hours room temperature
> 6 months frozen
Hemolysis > 500 mg/dL HgB
Lipemia > 1000 mg/dL Trig
Bilirubin > 40 mg/dL Bili

#### **Reference Values**

Population	Units	Reference Range
Female	mg/dl	2.3-6.6
Male	mg/dl	4.4-7.6

# **Available STAT**

No

Methodology Beckman AU/Dx Series

# **CPT Code**

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