

LAB24 Valproic Acid

BMC

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Serum

Preferred Container

Red top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL Serum

Storage Requirements

Sample tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection

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

Anything other than a red-top tube

> 7 days refrigerated

> 24 hours room temperature

> 1 year frozen

Hemolysis > 800 mg/dL HgB

Lipemia > 750 mg/dL Trig

Bilirubin > 30 mg/dL Bili

Reference Values

Population	Units	Therapeutic Range	High Critical Value
All populations	ug/mL	50-100	>125

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code
80164