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SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Testing

SPECIMEN STORAGE & TRANSPORT

Temperature: Refrigerated (2°C - 8°C / 35.6 °F - 46.4 °F)

Maximum Holding Time:

- Serum and Plasma (EDTA): 10 days from the time of collection until centrifugation or after centrifugation.

Exceptions: For any exceptions to collection, storage, or transport conditions, please call the laboratory to discuss.

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN TYPES

Serum: Serum is the preferred specimen. Serum can be collected using SST tubes.

Plasma: Plasma samples are acceptable. Plasma can be collected using EDTA, lithium heparin, CPD, CP2D, CPDA-1, ACD, or 4% citrate as anticoagulants.

TEST ORDER OPTIONS FOR THIS KIT

5800: Hepatitis C Virus Antibody

REJECTION CRITERIA

- Whole blood specimens at room temperature for longer than 24 hours
- Frozen whole blood specimens
- Serum or plasma specimens having hold times greater than 10 days at 2-8 °C
- Specimen container not labeled with patient's name, date of birth, and date and time of collection
- Specimen container not sealed properly
- Specimens that are grossly contaminated with bacteria, excessively hemolyzed or lipemic