

Acceptable Tube Types



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| Alternate Name: | None |
| Performing Lab: | New Hanover and Cape Fear |
| Specimen Container: | Yellow serum separator tube or Green top tube (lithium heparin) or Red top tube |
| Minimum Volume Required: | 1.0 mL |
| Testing Availability | Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: Yes |
| Turnaround Time: | Routine: 4 hours Stat: < 1 hour |
| Special Handling: | None |
| Patient Preparation: | None |
| Specimen Stability: | |
| Reference Range: | 3.4 – 5.0 g/dL |
| Critical Value: | None |
| CPT Code: | 82040 |
| Testing Methodology: | Colorimetric, Endpoint |
| Causes for Specimen Rejection: | Improper labeling |
| Other Comments: | |
| Clinical Significance: | Evaluation of nutritional status, blood oncotic pressure; evaluation of renal disease with proteinuria and other chronic diseases. |