

Calcium

Acceptable Tube Types



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:	8.5 – 10.1 mg/dL
Critical Value:	< 7.0 or > 13.5 mg/dL
CPT Code:	82310
Testing Methodology:	Colorimetric
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Work-up for coma, pancreatitis and other gastrointestinal problems, nephrolithiasis, polydipsia, polyuria, azotemia, multiple endocrine adenomatosis.