

Acceptable Tube Types



Electrolytes

Alternate Name:	Lytes	
Performing Lab:	New Hanover and Cape Fear	
Tests Included in Panel:	Sodium Potassium Chloride CO2	
Specimen Container:	Yellow serum separator tube, or green top tube (lithium heparin) or red top tube Yellow, red or green microtainer	
Minimum Volume Required:	1 mL whole blood Microtainer = 250 uL	
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:	See individual tests	
Critical Value:	See individual tests	
CPT Code:	80051	
Testing Methodology:	See individual tests	
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling	
Other Comments:		
Clinical Significance:	See individual tests	