

Acceptable Tube Type



**HIV-1 RNA Quant Assay**

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	HIV Viral Load, APTIMA HIV-1 Quant Assay	
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	NHRMC	
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Tall lavender top tube or pink top tube	
<b>Volume Required:</b>	Recommended: 2.5mL Minimum: 1.5mL	
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b>	Test is run on dayshift on M W F
	<b>Stat:</b>	No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	2-4 days	
<b>Special Handling:</b>	Specimen must be spun down within 24 hours of collection. Frozen after 3 days	
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None	
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	Whole Blood(Room Temp): 24 hours Plasma(Refrigerator): 3 days primary tube, 5 days specimen transport tube Plasma(Freezer): 90 days in specimen transport tube	
<b>Reference Range:</b>	Target Not Detected	
<b>Critical Value:</b>	None	
<b>CPT Code:</b>	87536	
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>		
	Hologic Aptima HIV-1 RNA Quant Dx Assay	
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>		
	Improper Labeling, Improper Specimen Storage	
<b>Other Comments:</b>		
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	Quantitate HIV-1 viral loads in plasma	