

Acceptable Tube Types



Sodium

Alternate Name:	Na
Performing Lab:	New Hanover and Cape Fear
Specimen Container:	Yellow serum separator tube or green top tube (lithium heparin)
Minimum Volume Required:	1 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:	136 – 145 mmol/L
Critical Value:	< 125 mmol/L or > 155 mmol/L
CPT Code:	84295
Testing Methodology:	Potentiometric
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Electrolyte, acid-base balance; water balance; water intoxication; diagnose dehydration.