**Specimen Required:** Patient Prep: Patient should be fasting for 12 hours prior to collection.

**Collect:** Lavender (EDTA), Pink (K₂EDTA), Plain Red, or Serum Separator Tube (SST).

**Specimen Preparation:** Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL)

**Storage/Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated.

**Unacceptable Conditions:** Heparinized plasma. Specimens from patients receiving heparin. Grossly hemolyzed specimens.

**Stability (collection to initiation of testing):** Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: Unacceptable