Specimen Required: Collect Serum Separator Tube (SST), Plain Red, Lavender (EDTA), Pink (K<sub>2</sub>EDTA), or Green (Sodium or Lithium Heparin). Specimen Preparation: Allow specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transport 1 mL serum or plasma in an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL) Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen. Unacceptable Conditions: Citrated plasma. Grossly hemolyzed or severely lipemic specimens. Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 10 days; Frozen: 18 months