Specimen Required: Collect control specimen from a healthy individual unrelated to patient at approximately the same time as and under similar conditions to the patient. Collect: Green (Sodium or Lithium Heparin) (patient) AND Green (Sodium or Lithium Heparin) (control). Patient and control specimens must be collected within 48 hours of test performance.

Specimen Preparation: Transport 3 mL whole blood (patient) AND 3 mL whole blood (control) in original collection tubes. Min: 1 mL (patient) AND 1 mL (control) Do not refrigerate or freeze. LIVE NEUTROPHILS REQUIRED.

Storage/Transport Temperature: CRITICAL ROOM TEMPERATURE.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable

New York State Clients: Ambient 24 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable

HOTLINE NOTE: Remove information found in the Unacceptable Conditions field.