Specimen Required: Collect: Green (Sodium or Lithium Heparin) or Lavender (EDTA).
Specimen Preparation: Transport 2 unfixed, air-dried, and unstained smears. (Min: 2 smears made from the blood submitted) AND 5 mL whole blood. (Min: 1 mL) Specimens should be refrigerated within 30 minutes after collection. Place both slides and whole blood specimens in an osmotic fragility transport kit (ARUP supply #53821) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787.
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.
Unacceptable Conditions: Grossly hemolyzed specimens.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable