
0099452**Nickel, Serum****NICKEL****Performed:** Sun-Sat
Reported: 1-3 days

Specimen Required: Patient Prep: Diet, medication, and nutritional supplements may introduce interfering substances. Patients should be encouraged to discontinue nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, and non-essential over-the-counter medications (upon the advice of their physician).
Collect: Royal Blue (no additive).
Specimen Preparation: Centrifuge; do not allow serum to remain on cells. Transfer 2 mL serum to an ARUP Trace Element-Free Transport Tube (ARUP supply #431116) **within 2 hours of collection**. Available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787. (Min: 0.5 mL)
Storage/Transport Temperature: Room temperature. Also acceptable: Refrigerated or frozen.
Unacceptable Conditions: **Specimens collected in tubes other than Royal Blue (no additive). Specimens transported in containers other than a Royal Blue (no additive) tube or Trace Element-Free Transport Tube. Heparin anticoagulant.** Specimens that are not separated from the red cells or clot within 2 hours.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Ambient: Indefinitely; Refrigerated: Indefinitely; Frozen: Indefinitely**

Interpretive Data: Elevated results may be due to skin or collection-related contamination, including the use of a noncertified metal-free collection/transport tube. If contamination concerns exist due to elevated levels of serum nickel, confirmation with a second specimen collected in a certified metal-free tube is recommended.

Serum nickel testing is intended to detect potentially toxic exposure.

See Compliance Statement B: www.aruplab.com/CS

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