Leukocyte Alkaline Phosphatase
ARUP test code 0049000

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(Ref Interval: 33-149)

TEST INFORMATION: Leukocyte Alkaline Phosphatase (LAP) Stain
Access complete set of age- and/ or gender specific reference intervals for this test in the ARUP Laboratory Test Directory
(aruplab.com). The LAP stain determines cytoplasmic LAP enzyme activity in segmented neutrophils and bands. An increased/decreased LAP score can occur in various disease conditions. A frequent use of this test is to differentiate between Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) and a leukemoid reaction. CML has a decreased LAP score; leukemoid reaction has an increased LAP score.

Methodology: Enzyme cytochemistry - The LAP enzyme present in neutrophils hydrolyzes the substrate Naphthol AS-BI Phosphate. The hydrolyzed product couples with the dye (fast red violet Salt L.B.) to form an insoluble red-brown precipitate in the cytoplasm. Smears are counterstained with hematoxylin. The smears are examined microscopically.

Results of this test must be interpreted within the clinical context. This test should not be used alone to determine diagnosis.

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