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**0020027****Calcium, Serum or Plasma****CA**

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Serum separator tube or plasma separator tube. Do not use powdered gloves during collection.

Specimen Preparation: Allow serum tube to clot completely at room temperature. Separate serum or plasma from cells within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Specimens from patients receiving EDTA therapy or Hypaque. EDTA, citrate, or oxalate.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: **1 week**; Refrigerated: 3 weeks; Frozen: 8 months