
0020029**Protein, Total, Serum or Plasma****TP**

Specimen Required: Patient Prep: Tourniquet application should be minimal.

Collect: Plasma separator tube or serum separator tube.

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

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen.

Unacceptable Conditions: Body Fluid (refer to Total Protein, Body Fluid, ARUP test code 0020502). Urine (refer to Total Protein, Urine, ARUP test code 0020479).

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: **6 days**; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: **2 months**