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**0020257****LDL Cholesterol, Direct****LDL D**

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Plasma separator tube or serum separator tube. Also acceptable: **Green** (lithium heparin), **Lavender** (**K<sub>2</sub> EDTA** or **K<sub>3</sub> EDTA**), or **Pink** (**K<sub>2</sub> EDTA**).

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: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: **7 days**; Frozen: **12 months**