

TEST CHANGE

Hepatitis Delta Virus Antibody

0020799, HEP D AB

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: Serum separator tube (SST). Also acceptable: Lavender (EDTA), green (sodium heparin), green (lithium heparin), or light blue (sodium citrate) plasma.

Specimen Preparation: 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).

Transport Temperature: Frozen.

Unacceptable Conditions: Room temperature specimens. Specimens containing particulate material or obvious microbial contamination. Hemolyzed or lipemic specimens.

Remarks:

Stability: After separation from cells: Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 5 days; Frozen: ~~30 days~~ **Indefinitely** (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)

Methodology: Qualitative Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA)

Note: Order this assay only when patient has an acute or chronic hepatitis B infection. This test detects total antibodies (IgG and IgM) to the hepatitis Delta agent.

CPT Codes: 86692

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Reference Interval:

Negative