

HOTLINE: Effective August 16, 2021

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Partial Thromboplastin Time

PTT

Specimen Required: Collect: Lt. blue (sodium citrate).

Specimen Preparation: Separate plasma from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection and freeze. Transfer 1 mL platelet-poor plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube.

Storage/Transport Temperature: CRITICAL FROZEN. Separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Unacceptable Conditions: Serum, EDTA plasma, clotted or hemolyzed specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 4 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 2 weeks

NOTE: Specimens from patients on heparin must be centrifuged within 1 hour of collection and ambient stability is reduced to 2 hours.