

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective February 19, 2019

0040105 Kleihauer-Betke Stain for Fetal Hemoglobin

Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (EDTA) or Pink (K₂EDTA).

Specimen Preparation: Transport 3 mL whole blood. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Specimens collected after Rh immunoglobulin administered, Cord or Fetal blood, Clotted specimens. <u>Stability (collection to initiation of testing)</u>: Ambient: 72 hours; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable

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