

## HOTLINE: Effective May 18, 2020

0040320 White Blood Cell Count WBC

 $\textbf{Specimen Required:} \ \underline{Collect:} \ One \ 5 \ mL \ Lavender \ (K_2EDTA) \ or \ Pink \ (K_2 \ EDTA).$ 

Specimen Preparation: Mix thoroughly. Transport 5 mL whole blood. (Min 0.25 mL)

<u>Storage/Transport Temperature:</u> Refrigerated. <u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Clotted specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 48 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable