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**C-Reactive Protein**

**CRP**

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Serum separator tube. Also acceptable: Plasma separator tube, or Green (lithium heparin)  
Specimen Preparation: Allow serum tube to clot completely at room temperature. Separate serum or plasma from cells within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.3 mL)  
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.  
Unacceptable Conditions: Hemolyzed specimens.  
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 14 days; Refrigerated: 3 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (if frozen within 24 hours)