Specimen Required: Collect: Serum separator tube.
Specimen Preparation: Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.15 mL)
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.
Unacceptable Conditions: CSF or plasma. Contaminated, heat-inactivated, severely hemolyzed, severely lipemic, and severely icteric specimens.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)