

HOTLINE: Effective February 22, 2022

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Rheumatoid Factor

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Specimen Required: Patient Prep: Fasting specimen preferred.

Collect: Serum separator tube or plasma separator tube. Also acceptable: Green (lithium heparin), lavender or pink (K₂EDTA).

Specimen Preparation: Allow specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Transfer 0.5 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Body Fluid (refer to Rheumatoid Factor, Body Fluid, ARUP test code 2003347). Hemolyzed specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 8 days; Frozen: 3 months (should not be thawed more than once)