

HOTLINE: Effective February 18, 2020

0051075 Trypanosoma cruzi Antibody, IgM

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Specimen Required: Patient Prep:

Collect: Serum Separator Tube (SST).

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens **must** be received within 30 days of the acute specimens. **Mark specimens plainly as acute or convalescent.**

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated. Also acceptable: Room temperature or frozen.

Remarks:

<u>Unacceptable Conditions</u>: Plasma. Bacterially contaminated, heat-inactivated, hemolyzed, icteric, lipemic, or turbid specimens. <u>Stability (collection to initiation of testing)</u>: After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year