

TEST CHANGE

Tumor Necrosis Factor - alpha, Serum

0051539, TNFA DO

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: Serum separator tube, or plain red.

Specimen Preparation: **CRITICAL FROZEN:** Separate serum from cells ~~ASAP~~ or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.4 mL) Freeze serum within 30 minutes.

Transport Temperature: CRITICAL FROZEN. Additional specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered. Ship in an ARUP Standard Transport Tube.

Unacceptable Conditions: Refrigerated specimens. Contaminated or heat-inactivated specimens.

Remarks:

Stability: After separation from cells: Ambient: 30 minutes; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 1 year

Methodology: Quantitative Multiplex Bead Assay

Note: Cytokine levels may demonstrate diurnal variation. For longitudinal comparison, it is recommended that cytokine levels be determined at the same time of day.

CPT Codes: 83520

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Results are used to understand the pathophysiology of immune, infectious, or inflammatory disorders, or may be used for research purposes.

Reference Interval:

Test Number	Components	Reference Interval
	Tumor Necrosis Factor - alpha, Serum	<u>7.211.5</u> pg/mL or less