
0060040**Cytomegalovirus by Qualitative PCR****CMVPCR**

Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (EDTA), Pink (K2EDTA), or Serum Separator Tube (SST). Also acceptable: Amniotic fluid, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), CSF, ocular fluid, tissue, urine, or dried blood spot (DBS).
Specimen Preparation: Separate serum or plasma from cells. Transfer 1 mL plasma, serum, whole blood, bone marrow, amniotic fluid, BAL, CSF, ocular fluid, or urine to a sterile container.
(Min: 0.5 mL)
Dried Blood Spot: Whole blood collected on newborn screening card (3/16 inch punch). Transport punch in an ARUP Standard Transport Tube.
Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately.
Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen.
Whole Blood or Bone Marrow: Refrigerated.
Dried Blood Spot: Room temperature.
Remarks: Specimen source is required.
Unacceptable Conditions: Heparinized specimens, **tissues in optimal cutting temperature compound.**
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: 3 months
Whole Blood or Bone Marrow: Ambient: 1 week; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: 1 week
Dried Blood Spot: Ambient: 28 days; Refrigerated: 8 days; Frozen: 8 days
Tissue: Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 3 months