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Varicella-Zoster Virus by PCR

VZVPCR

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Lavender (EDTA), pink (K<sub>2</sub>EDTA) or serum separator tube. **OR** CSF, ocular fluid, tissue or vesicle fluid.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 1 mL serum, plasma, CSF or ocular fluid to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately.

**Vesicle Fluid:** Transfer to viral transport media (ARUP supply #12884). Available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen.

Remarks: Specimen source required.

Unacceptable Conditions: Heparinized specimens, **tissues in optimal cutting temperature compound.**

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Tissue:** Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 3 months

**All others:** Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 5 days; Frozen: 3 months