

HOTLINE: Effective February 22, 2022

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Parathyroid Hormone, Intact

PTH-INT

Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (K₂ or K₃ EDTA) or pink (K₂ EDTA). Also **acceptable:** Serum Separator Tube (SST).

Specimen Preparation: **Allow serum specimen to clot fully at room temperature and centrifuge immediately.** Transfer 2 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen. Separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Unacceptable Conditions: Body Fluid (refer to Parathyroid Hormone, FNA, ARUP test code 2001491); Urine. Rapid Serum Tubes (RST). Hemolyzed samples. Grossly lipemic samples.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 48 hours; Frozen: 6 months

Note: PTH is unstable in unseparated serum. If collecting serum instead of plasma, tubes should be centrifuged immediately after clotting.