

HOTLINE: Effective November 16, 2020

0092420 Drug Screen 9 Panel, Serum or Plasma - Immunoassay Screen with Reflex to Mass Spectrometry Confirmation/Quantitation

DRUG SCRSP

Specimen Required: Collect: Gray (sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate). Also acceptable: Plain red, green (sodium heparin), lavender (EDTA), or pink

 $(K_2EDTA).$

Specimen Preparation: Remove plasma from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 4 mL plasma to an ARUP Standard

Transport Tube. (Min: 3 mL) Also acceptable: Serum.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks: Cocaine and cocaethylene are more stable in fluoride-preserved plasma than serum.

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Specimens exposed to repeated freeze/thaw cycles. Separator tubes. Plasma or whole blood collected in lt.

blue (sodium citrate). Hemolyzed specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 1 week; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 3 years