

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective February 19, 2019

0099478	Bismuth, Blood	BS B
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Performed: Sun-Sat
Reported: 1-3 days

Specimen Required: Patient Prep: Diet, medication, and nutritional supplements may introduce interfering substances. Patients should be encouraged to discontinue nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, and non-essential over-the-counter medications (upon the advice of their physician).
Collect: Royal Blue (K₂EDTA or Na₂EDTA).
Specimen Preparation: Transport 7 mL whole blood in the original collection tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)
Storage/Transport Temperature: Room temperature. Also acceptable: Refrigerated.
Unacceptable Conditions: Specimens collected in tubes other than Royal Blue (EDTA). Specimens transported in containers other than a Royal Blue (EDTA) tube or Trace Element-Free Transport Tube. Heparin anticoagulant. Clotted specimens.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: Indefinitely; Refrigerated: Indefinitely; Frozen: Unacceptable

Reference Interval: Effective February 19, 2019
 Less than or equal to 5.0 µg/L

Interpretive Data: Elevated results may be due to skin or collection-related contamination, including the use of a noncertified metal-free collection/transport tube. If contamination concerns exist due to elevated levels of blood bismuth, confirmation with a second specimen collected in a certified metal-free tube is recommended.

See Compliance Statement B: www.aruplab.com/CS

HOTLINE NOTE: Remove information found in the Note field. There is also a numeric map change associated with this test. Change the numeric map for component 0099478, Bismuth, Whole Blood from XXX to XX.X.