

## HOTLINE: Effective February 22, 2022

2001603 Neisseria meningitidis Tetravalent Antibodies (Serogroups A, C, W-135 and Y), NMENING IgG

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Serum separator tube. Postimmunization specimen should be drawn 30 days after immunization and, if shipped separately, must be received within 60 days of preimmunization specimen.

Specimen Preparation: Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1.5 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.25 mL) MARK SPECIMENS CLEARLY AS PRE- OR POSTPNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE SO SPECIMENS WILL BE SAVED AND TESTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated. Pre- and postpneumococcal vaccine specimens can be submitted separately or together for testing

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Plasma or other body fluids. Contaminated, hemolyzed or severely lipemic specimens. <u>Stability (collection to initiation of testing):</u> After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles).