

HOTLINE: Effective April 6, 2020

Zinc, RBC ZINC RBC 2006460

Performed: Varies Reported: 8-11 days

 $\textbf{Specimen Required:} \ \underline{Collect:} \ Royal \ Blue \ (Trace \ metal-free; \ K_2 \ or \ Na_2 \ EDTA)$

Specimen Preparation: Separate cells within 2 hours of collection. Leave RBCs in the original container and replace stopper. Transport

2 mL RBCs in the original collection tube. (Min.: 0.7 mL) Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Lavender top (K2 or K3 EDTA).

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: Unacceptable