

## HOTLINE: Effective February 18, 2020

2007252 COPPER RBC Copper, RBC

Varies Performed: Reported: 8-11 days

Specimen Required: Collect: Royal Blue (K2 or Na2 EDTA).

Specimen Preparation: Separate cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transport 2 mL RBCs in the original collection tube.

(Min: 0.7 mL)

<u>Storage/Transport Temperature:</u> Refrigerated. Also acceptable: Frozen.

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> <u>Heparinized specimens.</u>

<u>Stability (collection to initiation of testing):</u> Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 2 weeks