

HOTLINE: Effective March 4, 2019

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Potassium, Total, RBC

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Specimen Required: Collect: Green (Lithium Heparin).

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or 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. Also acceptable: Frozen.

Unacceptable Conditions: Separator tubes. Tubes containing potassium-based preservative/anticoagulants. **Light Green (Lithium Heparin with gel), Green (Sodium Heparin).**

Stability: Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: 1 month