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Potassium, Total, RBC

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Specimen Required: Collect: Green (lithium or sodium 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)

Test is not performed at ARUP; separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Tubes containing potassium-based preservatives/anticoagulants. **Gel separator tubes.** Light green (lithium heparin).

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