

Test Name

CHOLESTEROL, TOTAL

Synonyms

CHOL, TOTAL CHOLESTEROL

Test Code

124

Specimen Type

Serum or plasma

Preferred Container

Serum separator tube (SST)

Alternate Container

green (heparin)

Minimum Volume**Temperature/Stability**

Refrigerated: 1 week

Handling

Patients must be fasting for at least 12-14 hours if a lipid panel is ordered. If CHOL is the only lipid test ordered, fasting is not necessary.

Reject

Anticoagulants other than heparin; grossly hemolyzed