

Test Name

ELECTROLYTES PANEL

Synonyms**Test Code**

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Specimen Type

Serum or plasma

Preferred Container

Serum separator tube (SST)

Alternate Container

red or green (lithium heparin)

Minimum Volume**Temperature/Stability**

Refrigerated: 2 days

Handling

Use tightly stoppered tube. If red-top is used, centrifuge within 45 minutes, remove serum, place in transport tube, and tightly stopper tube.

Reject

Anticoagulants other than lithium heparin; grossly hemolyzed. Do not use sodium heparin tube.

Panel Includes

SODIUM, POTASSIUM, CHLORIDE, CO2