

**Test Name**

HEMOGLOBIN A1C

**Synonyms**

HBA1C

**Test Code**

273

**Specimen Type**

Whole Blood

**Preferred Container**

Lavender (K2 or K3-EDTA)

**Alternate Container**

green (heparin)

**Minimum Volume****Temperature/Stability**

Room temperature: 8 hours or Refrigerated: 7 days

**Handling**

Invert tube 8-10 times immediately after tube is filled

**Reject**

Hemolyzed, clotted, anticoagulants other than EDTA or heparin, tube less than half full, samples with plasma removed (for other tests)