

Test Name

LDL, CALCULATED

Synonyms

LDL

Test Code

1022; same as Lipid Panel (test code 912)

Specimen Type

Serum or plasma, fasting preferred
Fasting is recommended if Triglycerides are high.

Preferred Container

Serum separator tube (SST)

Alternate Container

red, green (heparin)

Minimum Volume**Temperature/Stability**

Refrigerated: 1 week

Handling

Fast 12-14 hours before collection

Reject

Grossly hemolyzed

Panel Includes

Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL calculation
If triglycerides >400 mg/dL, the LDL calculation is unreliable, and the Non-HDL calculation is recommended.