

Test Name

LIPID PANEL

Synonyms**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 prior to collection.

Reject

Grossly hemolyzed

Panel Includes

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL, HDL, TRIGLYCERIDES, LDL CALCULATION, VLDL CALCULATION
If triglycerides >400 mg/dL, the LDL calculation is unreliable, and the Non-HDL calculation is recommended.