

Test Name

PLATELET COUNT

Synonyms

PLT

Test Code

301.14

Specimen Type

Whole blood

Preferred Container

Lavender (K2 or K3-EDTA)

Alternate Container**Minimum Volume****Temperature/Stability**

Room temperature: 24 hours or Refrigerated: 48 hours

Handling

Invert tube 8-10 times immediately after tube is filled

Reject

Frozen, hemolyzed, clotted, anticoagulants other than EDTA, tube less than half full; samples with plasma removed (for other tests)