

**Test Name**

SODIUM

**Synonyms**

NA, Na

**Test Code**

158

**Specimen Type**

Serum or plasma

**Preferred Container**

Serum separator tube (SST)

**Alternate Container**

red or green (lithium heparin)

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

Refrigerated: 1 week

**Handling**

Separate serum or plasma from cells within 2 hours of collection

**Reject**

Grossly hemolyzed; anticoagulants other than lithium heparin. Do not use sodium heparin tube.