

Test Name

RETICULOCYTE COUNT, ABSOLUTE

Synonyms

RETIC ABSOLUTE

Test Code

314.02

Specimen Type

Whole Blood

Preferred Container

Lavender (K2 or K3-EDTA)

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

Room temperature: 24 hours or Refrigerated: 72 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)