

Ethanol, Blood

Test ID: ALC

Explanation: Specimen requirements and specimen stability are being updated as shown below.

Current Specimen Required
Container/Tube: Preferred: Grey top (potassium oxalate/sodium fluoride) Acceptable: Any anticoagulant Specimen Volume: 2 mL Collection Instructions: Specimen must be sent in original tube.

New Specimen Required
Container/Tube: Preferred: Grey top (potassium oxalate/sodium fluoride) Acceptable: Lavender top (EDTA) or green top (sodium heparin) Specimen Volume: 2 mL Collection Instructions: 1. Do not use alcohol to clean arm. Use an alternative, such as Betadine, to cleanse arm before collecting any specimen for volatile testing. 2. Specimen must be sent in original tube. Do not aliquot.

Current Specimen Stability		
Specimen	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood NaFI-KOx	Refrigerated (preferred)	72 hours
	Ambient	24 hours
	Frozen	14 days

New Specimen Stability		
Specimen	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood NaFI-KOx	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days
	Ambient	24 hours
	Frozen	28 days

Current Days Performed
Monday through Friday

New Days Performed
Monday through Saturday

Current Report Available
2 to 3 days

New Report Available
1 to 2 days

Questions

Contact Brandon DeBoom, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.