

Notification Date: May 6, 2025 Effective Date: June 9, 2025

Bilirubin Direct, Serum

Test ID: BILID

Explanation: On the effective date, the method and collection instructions will be updated.

Current Method

Photometric, Diazotized Sulfanilic Acid

New Method

Photometric, Diazo method

Current Specimen Required

Supplies: Amber Frosted Tube, 5 mL (T915)

Collection Container/Tube: Preferred: Serum gel Acceptable: Red top

Submission Container/Tube: Amber vial

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL **Collection Instructions:**

- 1. Serum gel tubes should be centrifuged within 2
- hours of collection.
- 2. Red-top tubes should be centrifuged, and the serum aliquoted into an amber vial within 2 hours of collection.

New Specimen Required

Supplies: Amber Frosted Tube, 5 mL (T915)

Collection Container/Tube: Preferred: Serum gel Acceptable: Red top

Submission Container/Tube: Amber vial

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL **Collection Instructions:**

1. Within 2 hours of collection, centrifuge the

specimen.

- 2. For serum gel tubes, aliquot serum into an amber vial within 6 hours. Protect from light.
- 3. For red top tubes, aliquot serum into an amber vial immediately. Protect from light.
- 4. Refrigerate or freeze serum.

Questions

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