



Notification Date: May 20, 2025 Effective Date: June 19, 2025

Reticulocytes, Blood

Test ID: RTIC

Explanation:

On the effective date, RTIC will become obsolete. The recommended alternative test is listed below.

Recommended Alternative Test: Reticulocyte Profile, Blood

Test ID: RETB

Methodology:

Flow Cytometry

Reference Values:

% RETICULOCYTES 1-3 days: 3.47-5.40% 4 days-4 weeks: 1.06-2.37% 5 weeks-7 weeks: 2.12-3.47% 8 weeks-5 months: 1.55-2.70% 6 months-23 months: 0.99-1.82% 24 months-5 years: 0.82-1.45% 6-11 years: 0.98-1.94% 12-17 years: 0.90-1.49% Adults: 0.60-2.71%

ABSOLUTE RETICULOCYTES 1-3 days: 147.5-216.4 x 10(9)/L 4 days-4 weeks: 51.3-110.4 x 10(9)/L 5 weeks-7 weeks: 51.8-77.9 x 10(9)/L 8 weeks-5 months: 48.2-88.2 x 10(9)/L 6 months-23 months: 43.5-111.1 x 10(9)/L 24 months-5 years: 36.4-68.0 x 10(9)/L 6-11 years: 42.4-70.2 x 10(9)/L 12-17 years: 41.6-65.1 x 10(9)/L Adults: 30.4-110.9 x 10(9)/L

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IMMATURE RETICULOCYTE FRACTION (IRF)

1-3 days: 30.5-35.1% 4 days-4 weeks: 14.5-24.6% 5 weeks-2 months: 19.1-28.9% 3-5 months: 13.4-23.3% 6 months-<2 years: 11.4-25.8% 2-<6 years: 8.4-21.7% 6-<12 years: 8.9-24.1% 12-<18 years: 9.0-18.7% > or = 18 years: Female:3.0-15.9% Male: 2.3-13.4%

RETICULOCYTE HEMOGLOBIN Males:

1 day-5 months: 27.6-38.7 pg 6 months-<2 years: 28.7-35.7 pg 2-<6 years: 27.7-37.8 pg 6-<12 years: 32.4-37.6 pg 12-<18 years: 30.0-37.6 pg Adults: 30.0-37.6 pg

Females:

1 day-5 months: 29.2-37.5 pg 6 months-<2 years: 30.1-35.7 pg 2-<6 years: 29.3-37.3 pg 6-<12 years: 30.4-39.7 pg 12-<18 years: 30.0-37.6 pg Adults: 30.0-37.6 pg

RED BLOOD CELL COUNT (RBC)

Males:

0-14 days: 4.10-5.55 x 10(12)/L 15 days-4 weeks: 3.16-4.63 x 10(12)/L 5 weeks-7 weeks: 3.02-4.22 x 10(12)/L 8 weeks-5 months: 3.43-4.80 x 10(12)/L 6 months-23 months: 4.03-5.07 x 10(12)/L 24 months-35 months: 3.89-4.97 x 10(12)/L 3-5 years: 4.00-5.10 x 10(12)/L 6-10 years: 4.10-5.20 x 10(12)/L 11-14 years: 4.20-5.30 x 10(12)/L 15-17 years: 4.30-5.70 x 10(12)/L Adults: 4.35-5.65 x 10(12)/L

Females:

0-14 days: 4.12-5.74 x 10(12)/L 15 days-4 weeks: 3.32-4.80 x 10(12)/L 5 weeks-7 weeks: 2.93-3.87 x 10(12)/L 8 weeks-5 months: 3.45-4.75 x 10(12)/L 6 months-23 months: 3.97-5.01 x 10(12)/L 24 months-35 months: 3.84-4.92 x 10(12)/L 3-5 years: 4.00-5.10 x 10(12)/L 6-10 years: 4.10-5.20 x 10(12)/L 11-14 years: 4.10-5.10 x 10(12)/L 15-17 years: 3.80-5.00 x 10(12)/L Adults: 3.92-5.13 x 10(12)/L

Specimen Requirements:

Container/Tube:	Lavender top (EDTA)
Specimen Volume:	3 mL
Collection Instructions:	Send whole blood specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.
Minimum Volume:	0.5 mL

Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood EDTA	Refrigerated (preferred)	48 hours
	Ambient	24 hours

CPT Code: 85046

Day(s) Performed: Monday through Sunday

Report Available: 1 to 3 days

Questions

Contact Nancy Benson, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.