

Vitamin K1, Serum

Test ID: VITK1

Explanation:

The following test changes for VITK1 will occur on the effective date.

Current Specimen Required
<p>Patient Preparation: Fasting: 12 hours, required; Infants should have specimen collected before next feeding Supplies: Amber Frosted Tube, 5 mL (T915) Collection Container/Tube: Preferred: Red top Acceptable: Serum gel Submission Container/Tube: Amber vial Specimen Volume: 2 mL Collection Instructions: 1. Within 2 hours of collection, centrifuge the specimen. 2. For red top tubes, immediately aliquot serum into an amber vial (preferred). Serum may sit on whole blood cells up to a maximum of two hours before aliquoting. 3. For serum gel tubes, immediately aliquot serum into an amber vial (preferred). Serum may sit on gel at ambient temperature for a maximum of 24 hours or refrigerated for a maximum of 7 days before aliquoting.</p>

New Specimen Required
<p>Patient Preparation: Fasting: 12 hours, required; Infants should have specimen collected before next feeding Supplies: Amber Frosted Tube, 5 mL (T915) Collection Container/Tube: Preferred: Red top Acceptable: Serum gel Submission Container/Tube: Amber vial Specimen Volume: 2 mL Serum Collection Instructions: 1. Within 2 hours of collection, centrifuge the specimen. 2. For red-top tubes: Preferred: Immediately aliquot serum into an amber or light-protected plastic vial. Acceptable: Serum may be on whole blood cells a maximum of 2 hours before aliquoting. Protect the collection tube from light. 3. For serum-gel tubes: Preferred: Immediately aliquot serum into an amber or light-protected plastic vial. Acceptable: Serum may be aliquoted into an amber or light-protected plastic vial within 24 hours of collection when kept at ambient temperature and protected from light or within 7 days of collection if kept refrigerated and protected from light.</p>

Current Specimen Stability			
Specimen	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	30 days	
	Ambient	30 days	
	Frozen	30 days	

New Specimen Stability			
Specimen	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	Light Protected
	Ambient	24 hours	Light Protected
	Frozen	30 days	Light Protected

Questions

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