

Legacy Laboratory Services

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An Important Update from Legacy Laboratory Services

Specimen Storage and Transportation

[Specimen Storage Requirements](#)

Please mark all specimen bags with the applicable storage temperature for the specimens contained in the bag. For example, the specimen bag for a PT/INR stored at room temperature should be marked with an X in the “Room Temperature” box. Please see the reverse of this lab alert for storage requirements for frequently ordered tests. All specimen requirements may be found on our website www.legacyhealth.org/labservices.



We appreciate your cooperation. Clear instructions help your courier transport specimens optimally. Better specimens, better results.

LEGEND
A = Ambient / Room Temp
R = Refrigerate

Test	Preferred Container	*Transport	Stability
ACTIVATED PARTIAL THROMBOPLASTIN TIME	LIGHT BLUE	See test table	See test table
ALBUMIN/CREATININE RATIO, URINE	STERILE CUP	R	6 days
ANTI-NUCLEAR ANTIBODY ELISA SCREEN REFLEX IFA	SST	R	48 hours
BASIC METABOLIC PANEL	SST	R	3 days
B-TYPE NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE	EDTA	R	See test table
CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHOEAE BY AMPLIFIED DNA, BD Qx	See test table	R	14 days
COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT WITH AUTOMATED DIFFERENTIAL	EDTA	R	24 hours
COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL	SST	R	3 days
C-REACTIVE PROTEIN	SST	R	2 months
CULTURE, BETA STREP ONLY (GROUP A)	SWAB	A or R	24 hours
CULTURE, BETA STREP ONLY (GROUP B)	SWAB	A or R	72 hours
CULTURE, URINE	STERILE CUP	R	24 hours
ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE	EDTA	R	24 hours
FERRITIN	SST	R	48 hours
FOLATE, SERUM	SST	R	3 days
HEMOGLOBIN A1C	EDTA	R	30 days
HEPATIC FUNCTION PANEL	SST	R	3 days
HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN	SST	R	14 days
HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY	SST	R	7 days
HIV 1/2 ANTIBODY AND P24 ANTIGEN SCREEN WITH REFLEX	SST	R	14 days
HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS WITH 16/18 GENOTYPING	See test table	A or R	28 days
LIPID PROFILE	SST	R	7 days
MAGNESIUM, BLOOD	SST	R	7 days
PAP SMEAR CYTOLOGY	See test table	A or R	28 days
PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN	SST	R	48 hours
PROTHROMBIN TIME-INR	LIGHT BLUE	A	24 hours
QUANTIFERON - TB GOLD PLUS	See test table	A	16 hours
SYPHILIS ANTIBODY SCREEN WITH REFLEX	SST	R	5 days
SYPHILIS CONFIRMATION, TP-PA ONLY	SST	R	5 days
TESTOSTERONE, TOTAL, ADULT MALES	SST	R	7 days
THYROID STIMULATING HORMONE	SST	R	4 days
THYROXINE, FREE	SST	R	4 days
TRIIODOTHYRONINE, FREE	SST	R	7 days
URIC ACID, BLOOD	SST	R	7 days
URINALYSIS AND MICROSCOPIC	STERILE CUP	R	12 hours
VITAMIN B12	SST	R	3 days
VITAMIN D, 25-HYDROXY	SST	R	5 days

*SPECIMEN TRANSPORT
Please mark the specimen bag with the transport temperature using the "Shipping Requirements" grid.
Courier will transport specimen based on this information.