

LABORATORY TEST/HEMATOLOGY

Test Name:	Complete Blood Count (CBC)
Patient Preparation:	Avoid severe physical exercise.
Specimen Requirement:	3 ml Whole Blood
Special Timing for Collection:	None required
Preservative or Anticoagulant:	EDTA (Lavender Top)
Transportation Requirements/Storage:	Room temperature. If test not performed immediately, CBC stable up to 48 hours. Differential stable up to 24 hours.
Required Requisition:	F40-A Specimen Submission Form (September 2013)

SPECIMEN STORAGE AND STABILITY INSTRUCTIONS

Important note: Do not refrigerate or freeze

The samples for CBC's MUST remain at room temperature until shipped. They must be shipped with paper towels or absorbent paper to protect from direct contact with ice packs. **These will be kept cool but not frozen.**

- a. CBC with differential is good for 24 hours
- b. CBC w/out differential is good for 48 hours

DO NOT SHIP WHOLE BLOODS FOR CBC'S WITH DRY ICE. They will hemolyze and be unacceptable for analysis.

LABORATORY TEST/HEMATOLOGY

Test Name:	Peripheral Smear Review
Patient Preparation:	None required
Specimen Requirement:	3 ml Fresh Whole Blood
Special Timing for Collection:	None required
Preservative or Anticoagulant:	EDTA (Lavender Top)
Transportation Requirements/Storage:	Room temperature. Stable for 3 hours.
Required Requisition:	F40-A Specimen Submission Form (September 2013)

SPECIMEN STORAGE AND STABILITY INSTRUCTIONS

Important note: Do not refrigerate or freeze

The samples for Peripheral Smear Review **MUST** remain at room temperature until shipped. They must be shipped with paper towels or absorbent paper to protect from direct contact with ice packs. **These will be kept cool but not frozen.**

- a. Peripheral Smear Review with differential is good for 24 hours

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