

Specimen Stability

TEST	Centrifuged SST Tubes			Red Top Tubes without Gel barrier			Plasma						
	RT	2° - 8° C	-20° C pourover	RT	2° - 8° C	-20° C pourover	RT	2° - 8° C	-20° C pourover				
BHCG	8 hrs	7 days	7 days	2 hrs									
Cortisol	8 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
CPEP			7 days										
DHEA-S	2 hrs	7 days	2 months	2 hrs									
Estradiol	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Ferritin	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Folate	2-4 hrs	2 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Free PSA	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Free T3	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Free T4	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
FSH	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Insulin	2 hrs	7 days	3 months	2 hrs									
iPTH (EDTA)	30 mins	8 hrs	2 months							8 hrs	72 hrs		
LH	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs							72 hrs		
Procalcitonin (Li Heparin)										2 hrs	48 hrs	8 weeks	
Progesterone	2-4 hrs	48 hrs	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Prolactin	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Sex Hormone Binding Gobulin	2 hrs	7 days	2 months	2 hrs									
Testosterone	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Total PSA	8 hrs	5 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
TSH	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Vitamin B12	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Vitamin D, 25-OH, Total	2 hrs	7 days	3 months	2 hrs									
Cardiac Markers													
BNP (EDTA)										24 hrs	24 hrs	9 months	
CK-MB	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Homocysteine	2-4 hrs	48 hrs	13 weeks	2-4 hrs									
Myoglobin	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Troponin (Li Heparin)					2 hrs	48 hrs	8 weeks						
Infectious Disease													
Anti-HAV IgG (EDTA)	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Anti-HAV IgM (EDTA)	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Anti-HBc IgM (EDTA)	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Anti-HBc Total	2-4 hrs	72 hrs	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Anti-HBs (EDTA)	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Anti-HCV (EDTA)	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
HBsAG (EDTA)	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
HIV Ag/Ab	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
Tumor Markers													
AFP Tumor Marker	4 hrs	7 days	1 year	2-4 hrs	24 hrs								
CA 125	2 hrs	24 hrs	2 months	2 hrs									
CA 15.3	2-4 hrs	7 days	7 days	2-4 hrs									
CA 19.9	2-4 hrs	5 days	5 days	2-4 hrs									
CEA	2 hrs	7 days	2 months	2 hrs									