







PREFERRED CONTAINER AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TEST NAME	Outpatient Preferred	2nd	3rd & Special Instructions	Green Li Gel	Li Heparin-no gel	Blue
CHEMISTRY						
Ammonia-AMON Draw upon courier arrival	Lavender	Call for STAT pick up prior to collection. Collect when courier arrives.	Must arrive within 20 minutes of collection TRANSPORT ROOM TEMPERATURE			
Lactic Acid-LA Draw upon courier arrival	Li Heparin-no gel					
	Gray NaF					
Calcium, Ionized-ICA Draw upon courier arrival	Li Heparin-no gel					
	Green Li Gel-Do not spin					
BMP, CMP, HFP, LIPID, GLUC, RFP	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			BB Lavender
C-Reactive Protein CRP/HS	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Ferritin, Plasma or Serum	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
FOLATE	Gold SST		PROTECTED FROM LIGHT	Lavender	Gray NaF	
B 12	Gold SST		PROTECTED FROM LIGHT			
Iron Transferrin Profile	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	Red top poured off			
LH	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Magnesium	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Prolactin	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Quantitative HCG	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Qualitative HCG (POS/NEG)	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Thyroid Tests-TSH, TSHR, FT4, T3, T4	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	3 test per mL			
Vitamin D	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
WHOLE BLOOD						
CBC, H&H, Retic, ESR (SED RATE)	Lavender	Lavender		Red Non-Gel	Gold SST	Red Gel
Hgb A1C	Lavender	Lavender	DEDICATED TUBE			
DRUG LEVELS						
Acetaminophen	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
Carbamazepine-Tegretol®	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
Digoxin, Dilantin (PTN),	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
Phenobarbital	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
Lithium	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
Valproic Acid (Depakene)	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
OTHER						
D Dimer-DDIQ	Blue	Blue	1 HOUR STABILITY			
PT/INR	Blue	Blue	4 HOUR STABILITY			
RPR	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel				
HIV 1&2 Screen	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	DEDICATED TUBE			
TROPONIN	Li Heparin-no gel	Li Heparin-no gel				

Collection requirements can change, please utilize the online catalog for the most reliable information:

<https://www.horizonlaboratory.com/medical-professionals/test-catalog-specimen-requirements> revised 3/2022