

Acceptable Tube Type





Anti-Xa

Alternate Name: LMW Heparin Monitor, Low Molecular

Weight Heparin monitoring

Performing Lab: New Hanover

Specimen Container:Blue stopper tube (sodium citrate)

Minimum Volume Required: Tube must be filled completely

Testing Availability Routine: 24 hours/day

Stat: Yes

Turnaround Time: Routine: 4 hours

Stat: < 1 hour

Special Handling: None

Patient Preparation: None

Specimen Stability:

Therapeutic Range: 2 times daily dosing: 0.6 to 1.0 IU/mL

1 time daily dosing: 1.0 to 2.0 IU/mL

Critical Value: N/A

CPT Code: 85520

Testing Methodology: Chromogenic

Causes for Specimen Rejection: Improper labeling

Clotted specimen

Hemolysis

Specimen diluted with IV fluid or

contaminated with heparin Specimens that are too old Tubes must be filled to the top.

Clinical Significance: Used to monitor low molecular weight

heparin (LMWH) therapy, such as

Lovenox.