

Acceptable Tube Types



Antibody Screen

Alternate Name:	Indirect Coombs, IDC
Performing Lab:	New Hanover and Cape Fear
Specimen Container:	7 mL pink or lavender Vacutainer tube
Minimum Volume Required:	3 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: Yes
Turnaround Time:	Routine: 4 hours Stat: < 1 hour
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	Negative
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	86850
Testing Methodology:	Hemagglutination
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling Hemolysis
Other Comments:	All samples must be clearly identified with the patient's full first and last names, medical record number, phlebotomist's initials, date, and time.
Clinical significance:	Detect atypical IgG antibodies prior to transfusion or during pregnancy. The technique is designed specifically to detect IgG antibodies, though on occasion, some IgM antibodies may also be detected. Antibodies detected by the antibody screen will be subsequently identified.