

Acceptable Tube Types



Antibody Titer

Alternate Name:	None
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	7 mL pink or lavender top tube
Minimum Volume Required:	3.0 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: Daily 0800 – 1530 Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	24 hours
Special Handling:	Initial test orders for obstetrical patients should include an ABO/Rh and an Indirect Coombs. If the Indirect Coombs is positive, the antibody is identified. If the antibody is associated with Hemolytic Disease of the Newborn (HDN), an antibody titration must be performed to establish a baseline level. Follow-up titers should be performed
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	N/A
Critical Value:	N/A
Testing Methodology:	Hemagglutination
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling Hemolysis Collected in a serum separator tube
Other Comments:	All samples must be clearly identified with patient's full first and last name, medical record number, phlebotomist's initials, date, and time.
Clinical Significance:	Identification of red cell antibodies and titration of those antibodies which may be clinically significant during pregnancy or transfusion.

