

Acceptable Tube Types



Malarial Smear

Alternate Name:	Malaria Stain Giemsa Stain Thin/Thick smear for malaria
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Lavender tube or Lavender microtainer
Minimum Volume Required:	2 mL whole blood 250 uL whole blood from microtainer
Testing Availability	Routine: Daily 0800 – 1500 Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	24 hours
Special Handling:	Send to lab ASAP
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	< 4 hours
Reference Range:	No malarial parasites seen
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	87207
Testing Methodology:	Giemsa stain (Romanosky stain)
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Establish the diagnosis of Plasmodium or other parasitic infection; diagnose malarial parasitic infestation of blood; evaluate febrile disease of unknown origin.