

## Methotrexate

### Acceptable Tube Type



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| <b>Alternate Name:</b>                | Amethopterin  |
| <b>Performing Lab:</b>                | New Hanover   |
| <b>Specimen Container:</b>            | Green Top (Lithium Heparin or Sodium Heparin) or Lavender Top Tube (EDTA)   |
| <b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>       | 2 mL whole blood  |
| <b>Testing Availability</b>           | <b>Routine:</b> Testing performed: Monday- Friday 0700-1700   |
| <b>Turnaround Time:</b>               | 4 hours   |
| <b>Special Handling:</b>              | None  |
| <b>Patient Preparation:</b>           | None  |
| <b>Specimen Stability:</b>            | N/A   |
| <b>Reference Range:</b>               | N/A   |
| <b>Critical Value:</b>                | N/A   |
| <b>CPT Code:</b>                      | 80299   |
| <b>Testing Methodology:</b>           | Rate  |
| <b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b> | Improper labeling<br>Specimen clotted   |
| <b>Other Comments:</b>                | N/A   |
| <b>Clinical Significance:</b>         | An antimetabolite used in the treatment of certain neoplastic diseases, severe psoriasis, and rheumatoid arthritis. |