

Acceptable Tube Types



Prealbumin

Alternate Name:	None
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Yellow serum separator tube , green top tube (lithium heparin), or red top tube
Minimum Volume Required:	1.0 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	Routine: 4 hours
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	18.0 – 35.7 mg/dL
Critical Value:	None
CPT Code:	84134
Testing Methodology:	Particle enhanced turbidimetric immunoassay (PETIA)
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Evaluate protein malnutrition, total parenteral nutrition, and liver dysfunction. Values are decreased in inflammatory processes, malignancy, protein malnutrition, and protein wasting diseases of the gut or kidney. Values are increased in Hodgkin disease.