



**PT-Code Stroke**

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	Prothrombin Time, Protime
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover ED Laboratory
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Blue stopper tube (sodium citrate)
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	Tube must be filled completely
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Stat:</b> Yes
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	Stat: < 1 hour
<b>Special Handling:</b>	None
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None
<b>Reference Range:</b>	Plasma PT: 8 – 13 seconds INR: 0.8 – 1.5 ( <1.7 for TPA administration)
<b>Critical Value:</b>	Plasma PT: >48.5 INR: > 5
<b>CPT Code:</b>	85610
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Mechanical End Point Clotting
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling Clotted specimen Specimen diluted with IV fluid or contaminated with heparin Specimens that are too old Under or over-filled collection tube
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	Screening test for abnormalities of coagulation factors that are involved in the extrinsic pathway. Used to screen patient for TPA administration in Code Stroke patients.