

## Specimen Requirements

### 2 (10 ml) Red Top Tubes and 2 (7 ml) Lavender Top Tubes

Table 1

Assays	Specimen Requirements	Room Temp. ≤ 25°C	2-8°C
<b>ABO/Rh</b>	Whole blood/heparin	2 days	2 days
	Whole blood/clotted, EDTA	14 days	14 days
<b>RPR</b>	Serum from whole blood	3 days	
	Serum removed from RBC	3 days	5 days
	Plasma (EDTA)	2 days	
<b>HgbA1C</b>	EDTA	3 days	7 days
<b>HBcore Ab</b>	Serum/Plasma (EDTA)	6 days	7 days
<b>HCV</b>	Serum/Plasma (EDTA)	7 days	7 days
<b>HIV ½ / HIV 1</b>	Serum/Non-cadaveric plasma (EDTA)	7 days	7 days
<b>HBsAg/ HBsAg Neut</b>	Serum, Plasma or Cadaveric serum (EDTA)	7 days	7 days
<b>HTLV I/II/ HTLV</b>	Serum/Plasma (Sodium/Potassium EDTA)	7 days	14 days
<b>CMV IgG/IgM</b>	SERUM only (Red top)	8 hrs	2 days
<b>EBV IgG/IgM</b>	SERUM only (Red top)	8 hrs	2 days
<b>NAT Testing</b>	Cadaveric serum	3 days	8 days 5 days with centrifugation
	Cadaveric Plasma (EDTA)	3 days	3 days 8 days with centrifugation
	Non cadaveric plasma from K2EDTA, K3EDTA	3 days	8 days with centrifugation

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Table 1 (Continuation)

Assays	Specimen Requirements	Room Temp. ≤ 25°C	Room Temp 26-30°C	2-8°C
<b>T. cruzi</b>	Serum/ Plasma from EDTA	7 days		10 days
	Whole blood	24 hrs		
<b>HBsAb</b>	Serum/ Plasma (EDTA)	8 hrs		2 days
<b>HBc IgM</b>	Serum/ Plasma (EDTA)	8 hrs		2 days
<b>EBNA IgG</b>	SERUM only (Red top)	8 hrs		2 days
<b>WNV IgM</b>	SERUM only (Red top)	8 hrs		2 days
<b>WNV NAT</b>	Cadaveric serum	24 hrs		3 days with centrifugation
	Cadaveric plasma ( EDTA)	24 hrs		8 days with centrifugation
	Non cadaveric plasma from K2EDTA, K3EDTA	3 days	24 hrs	8 days with centrifugation
<b>MHA.TP</b>	Serum	5 days		5 days
	Plasma (EDTA)	2 days		
<b>FTA-ABS</b>	SERUM only (Red top)			3 days
<b>Olympus STS-MHATP</b>	Serum/ Plasma (EDTA)			7 days

**Note: No tests or assays are set up or performed in triplicate for organ and tissue donors.**

#### Specimen Rejection:

- non or improperly labeled tubes
- visible contamination
- collected on wrong or broken or leaking tubes
- incomplete requisition form
- gross lipemia
- gross hemolysis ( A specimen is grossly hemolyzed for testing when printed matter cannot be read through it)
- specimen is beyond stability