

TECHNICAL

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Plasma Hemoglobin

Effective April 1, 2020, the Plasma Hemoglobin test will no longer be offered at Methodist Pathology

Changes:

Plasma Hemoglobin not available locally.

Plasma Hemoglobin will be sent to ARUP reference laboratory.

An alternate test performed at Methodist Pathology is: Haptoglobin.

Order: Plasma Hemoglobin

Specimen Requirements:

- Sodium or lithium heparinized plasma separated from the cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Delayed separation from cells will elevate plasma hemoglobin.
- Stored/ transported refrigerated.
- Unacceptable conditions: EDTA or citrated plasma

Stability: Ambient- 2 hours; Refrigerated- 1 week; Frozen- unacceptable

Test Performed: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, results available in 1-3 days

Reporting/Reference Range: Normal: 0.0-9.7 mg/dL

Please direct any questions to Dr. George Bedrnicek at 402 955-5528 or to Dr. Deborah Perry at 402 354-4559.