Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT/PTT)

CPT Code: 85730  
Order Code: C2441  
ABN Requirement: No  
Synonym: APTT; Partial Thromboplastin Time; PTT  
Specimen: Sodium Citrate Plasma  
Volume: 1.0 mL  
Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL  
Container: Sodium citrate (Light Blue top) tube

Collection:

Sodium Citrate Plasma:

1. Draw a full tube and gently invert 3 to 4 times.  
2. Centrifuge immediately for 10 minutes at 1300 RCF at room temperature.  
3. Pre-squeeze transfer pipet bulb and draw off approximately 2/3 of the upper plasma layer.  
   Note: This ensures that the buffy coat and red cells remain undisturbed.  
4. Aliquot plasma into labeled transport tube and cap tightly. Discard original tube.  
5. Store transport tube refrigerated at -20°C until ready to ship.

Transport: Store plasma at -20°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions provided with the Cleveland HeartLab, Inc. shipping box.

- Please note: Ship frozen sodium citrate plasma on dry ice.

Special Information: Sodium citrate collection tube must be filled to total fill volume.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): 4 hours  
Refrigerated (2-8°C): Unacceptable  
Frozen (-20°C): 14 days
**Deep Frozen (-70°C):** 6 months

**Causes for Rejection:** Specimens other than sodium citrate plasma; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; sample received not frozen

**Methodology:** Automated Optimal Clot Detection

**Turn Around Time:** 2-3 days

**Reference Range:**

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**Intended Use:** Evaluation of hemostasis.

**Clinical Significance:** APTT/PTT may be used to investigate unexplained bleeding or clotting. Proteins called coagulation factors are involved in hemostasis and the formation of blood clots. The combination of APTT/PTT with Prothrombin Time (PT/INR) may give additional insight into a bleeding or clotting disorder.