

White Blood Cell Count

CPT Code: 85048

Order Code: 1378

Synonym: WBC

ABN Requirement: No

Specimen: EDTA Whole Blood

Volume: 4.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 1.0 mL

Container: EDTA (Lavender Top tube)

Collection:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 8-10 times immediately after draw. DO NOT SHAKE.
3. Do not centrifuge.

Transport: Store EDTA whole blood at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): Not Acceptable

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 3 days

Frozen (-20°C): Not Acceptable

Causes for Rejection: Clotted samples; grossly hemolyzed samples; specimens other than EDTA whole blood; specimens with plasma removed; insufficient volume; contamination from IV fluid; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits

Turn Around Time: 1 to 3 days

Reference Range: See Laboratory Report

Clinical Significance: Most commonly utilized test to monitor characteristic response to infection. Diagnostically useful for diseases such as leukemia,

leukocyte disorders, as well as monitoring therapy of these diseases.

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