

**METROPOLITAN MEDICAL LABORATORY, PLC**  
**SPECIMEN PREPARATION**



Test Name same color can be drawn in the same tube	Preferred Tube- container	Mix	Clot Time in minutes	Second Option Tube	Mix	Spin Time	Send Processed Volume	Store at Temp	Additional Instructions	
A1C ( Hgb- A1c)	purple	x 8					Full	Refrigerator		
ABO GROUP/Rh & or Direct Coombs	pink(6mL)	x 8		purple	x 8		6mL	Refrigerator		
ALT (SGPT)	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
ANA SCREEN	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	2mL	Frozen		
AST (SGOT)	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
B-12	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
BASIC METABOLIC PANEL	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator	Should be fasting	
BUN	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
CBC	purple	x 8					3mL	Refrigerator		
CEA	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	Full	Refrigerator		
CHLAMYDIA & GC by PCR	M4 RT/urine							Room temp		
CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE TOXIN	Unformed stool							Refrigerator		
COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator	Should be fasting	
CULTURE, STREP A	Swab							Room temp		
ELECTROLYTES	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
ESR/Sed rate	purple	x 8					Full	Refrigerator	Reject >4° at RT	
FERRITIN	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
FOLATE	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
FREE T4	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
GLUCOSE	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator	Should be fasting	
Hepatitis Bs Ag	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
Hepatitis Bs Ab	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
Hepatitis C Ab	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	4.5 mL	Refrigerator		
HEMATOCRIT/HEMOGLOBIN	purple	x 8					Full	Refrigerator		
HEMOGRAM	purple	x 8					Full	Refrigerator		
HEPATIC FUNCTION PANEL A	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
IRON, TIBC	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
LDH	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
LIPID PROFILE( HDL, LDL, CHOLESTEROL)	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator	Requires fasting	
POTASSIUM	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
Protime( INR)	lt blue	x 4					Full	Room temp		
PSA	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
PTT	lt blue	x 4				10	Full	Room Temp/Frozen	PTT separate by 4 hr & send orig.tube	
Syphilis (Treponema G/M)	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
RUBELLA IgG ANTIBODY SCREEN	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
s-TSH	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
TSH with reflex	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		
T4 (THYROXINE)	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30		x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator		
THERAPEUTIC DRUGS Digoxin,Gentamicin, Phenytoin,Tegretol, Vancomycin	gold gel	x 5	60	red	x 8	10	1mL	Refrigerator	Separate from cells	
THIN PREP PAP	Cytobroom sampler rinsed in Thin Prep Vial solution								Room temp	
URINALYSIS or URINE CULTURE	clean catch						10 mL	Refrigerator		
Vitamin D (25-Hydroxy)	gold gel	x 5	20 - 30			10	1mL	Refrigerator		

SEE REVERSE -- FOR TESTS THAT CAN BE DRAWN TOGETHER



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## ALL TUBES MUST BE FULL

TESTS THAT CAN BE DRAWN  
TOGETHER

( Purple )

A1C (Hgb-A1c)  
CBC  
ESR/SED RATE  
HEMATOCRIT/HEMOGLOBIN  
HEMOGRAM

DRAW THESE TESTS IN  
( gold gel or red )

DIGOXIN  
GENTAMICIN  
PHENYTOIN  
TEGRETOL  
VANCOMYCIN

TESTS THAT CAN BE DRAWN  
TOGETHER

( gold gel )

ALT (SGPT)  
AST (SGOT)  
BASIC METABOLIC PANEL  
BUN  
COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL  
ELECTROLYTES  
FERRITIN  
FOLATE  
GLUCOSE  
HEPATIC FUNCTION PANEL A  
ALL HEPATITIS  
HEPATITIS Bs Ag  
HEPATITIS Bs Ab  
HEPATITIS C Ab  
Iron, TIBC  
LIPID PROFILE (HDL, LDL, CHOLESTEROL)  
LDH  
POTASSIUM  
FREE T4  
s-TSH  
T4 (THYROXINE)

EACH TEST BELOW REQUIRES  
A "SEPARATE TUBE"

ABO GROUP/Rh & or Direct Coombs  
ANA SCREEN  
PTT  
PROTIME ( INR)  
B12  
SYPHILIS (TREPONEMA)  
RUBELLA IgG ANTIBODY SCREEN