

**Test Name**

AST (SGOT)

**Synonyms**

AST, SGOT

**Test Code**

156

**Specimen Type**

Serum or plasma

**Preferred Container**

Serum separator tube (SST)

**Alternate Container**

Red or green (heparin)

**Minimum Volume****Temperature/Stability**

Room temperature: 4 days or Refrigerated: 1 week

**Handling**

Separate serum/plasma from cells within 2 hours

**Reject**

Hemolysis (mild, moderate, gross), anticoagulants other than heparin