

Test Name

IRON

Synonyms

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Test Code

174

Specimen Type

Serum or plasma

Preferred: fasting (12 hours), morning (before noon)

Avoid-iron containing supplements for 24 hours prior to draw.

Avoid hemolysis.

Preferred Container

Serum separator tube (SST)

Alternate Container

red or green (heparin)

Minimum Volume**Temperature/Stability**

Room temperature: 3 days or Refrigerated: 7 days

Handling**Reject**

EDTA, oxalate, citrate; hemolysis, gross lipemia