

JOB AID

LAB TESTS - PREFERRED CONTAINER AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TEST NAME	Preferred	2nd	3rd & Special Instructions
Acetaminophen	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
BHB (Beta-hydroxybutyrate)	Green Li Gel	Green Li Gel	
Alcohol (Ethanol)	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Alpha-Fetoprotein Tumor Marker	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Ammonia *Send on Ice	Lavender	Lavender	*Send immediately on Ice
ANA Screen	Gold SST	Gold SST	Serum only
BMP, CMP-Metabolic Panels	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
pro-BNP - Brain Natriuretic Peptide	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
B12 - Vitamin B12 *Protect from light	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
CA125	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
CA15-3	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Carbon Monoxide	Green Li Gel	Green No-Gel	*Send immediately on ice
Carbamazepine	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
CBC, H&H, Retic, ESR (SED RATE)	Lavender	Lavender	*1 mL minimum
Cardiac Enzymes-CK, Troponin	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
CEA	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Cold Agglutinin *Place on heel warmer	Red Non-Gel	Red Non-Gel	Draw 2 tubes Send ASAP
Cortisol	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
C-Reactive Protein	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
D-Dimer	Blue	Blue	
Digoxin, Dilantin (PTN),	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Estradiol	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
FSP/FDP (Fibrin Split Products)	Call Lab	Call Lab	Special tube from lab
Ferritin, Plasma or Serum	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Folate *Protect from light	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	Spin and pour off, send frozen if >8 hrs.
FSH/LH	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Gentamicin	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
GGT	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Glucose, STAT	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
HCGKIT, Qualitative (POS/NEG)	Gold SST	Gold SST	
HCGQUALS, Qualitative	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
HCGRFLX, Qual w/ reflex to Quant*	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	*ED WILL COLLECT GREEN LI GEL
HCG, Quantitative	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
HCV **special instructions	Gold SST	Gold SST	(for confirmatory testing)
Hepatic Function Panel (Liver)	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Hepatitis panel **special instructions	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	**AND FULL EDTA lavender tube
Hgb A1C	Lavender	Lavender	Lavender Only *1 mL minimum
HIV	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	Serum only *2 mL minimum
Ionized Calcium *Send on Ice	Green Li Gel	Green No-Gel	*Send immediately on ice
Iron & Transferrin, TIBC Panel	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Lactic Acid *Send on Ice	Gray NaFI	Gray NaFI	*Send immediately on ice
LDH (LD)	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Lipase	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Lipid Panel	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Lithium	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	Serum only
Methotrexate	Red Non-Gel	Green Li Gel	
Mononucleosis	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	EDTA whole blood
Osmolality	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Phenobarbital	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Phenytoin	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Potassium, STAT	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Prealbumin	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	
Procalcitonin	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	Must be in dedicated tube
Prothrombin Time PT, PTT, FIB	Blue	Blue	
PSA *8 hour stability time	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	Spin and pour off, send frozen if >8 hrs.
PTH	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Rheumatoid Factor	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
RBC Folate	Lavender	Lavender	Lavender Only
Renal Function Panel	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
RPR (VRDL)	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	Serum only
Rubella, Rubeola	Gold SST	Red Non-Gel	Serum only
Salicylate	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	
Thyroid Tests-TSH,TSHR,FT3,FT4,T4	Green Li Gel	Gold SST	

Green Li Gel	Green No-Gel	Blue
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BB Lavender



Lavender



Red Non-Gel	Gold Gel SST	Red Gel SST
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