



Vancouver Diagnostic Services Immunochemistry Referral Testing Services

Discrepancy Resolution (ABO, Rh, Other Major Blood Groups)

BC_REF-02

TEST DESCRIPTION

Phenotype (antigen) testing of the patient's red cells is performed to resolve variant or discordant results. Testing with antisera from different licensed commercial companies is performed.

Note: *This testing should not be ordered on patients who have been recently transfused (within 120 days) or have had a bone marrow or stem cell transplant.*

SPECIMEN AND REQUISITION REQUIREMENTS

Specimen(s)

- Minimum of two (2) 6-7 ml EDTA (lavender) tubes, unless pediatric patient, mixed thoroughly by gentle agitation.
- Label specimen with the required minimum information: patient's last name, first name, PHN or unique identifier and date of collection.

Complete Requisition (must include)

- Patient's last name, first name, date of birth and PHN or unique identifier
- Facility name, complete address, phone and fax number
- Phlebotomist ID information
- Date of collection

Requisition(s)

- *Antibody Investigation Requisition_BC*

PRE-SHIPING STORAGE

Recommended Refrigeration 1-10°C.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Submit samples as soon as possible after collection.

Shipping

- Ship in a container that will maintain temperature at $\geq 1^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- Select shipping method for container to arrive at testing site within 48 hours.

Note: *Protect from freezing.*

SEND TO

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