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 Container is unacceptable for testing

Test	Acceptable Specimen Containers	Stability/Info	
		On Ice	Room Temp
<b>Blood Gas Panel/ HGB Saturation Panel</b> ABG / MVBG / OBG / VBG/ EDTSP ABGCOOX / MVBGCOOX / VBGCOOX Arterial / Mixed Venous / Other / Venous	    	1 Hour	30 Minutes
<b>Carboxyhemoglobin</b> COHB	    	4 Weeks	4 Weeks
<b>Methemoglobin</b> METHB	    	1 Hour	1 Hour
<b>Ionized Calcium, Whole Blood</b> ICAWB Also ICA prisma (PRSMCA)	    	4 Hours	2 Hours
<b>Ionized Calcium, Serum</b> ICAS	    	4 Hours 70 Hours (clinic)	4 Hours spun 2 Hours unspun
<b>Lactic Acid, Whole Blood</b> LAART/LAVEN Arterial, Venous	    	1 Hour	45 Minutes
<b>Potassium, Whole Blood</b> KWB	    	1 Hour Not preferred on ice	1 Hour



Heparinized Syringe  
SYR



Clear Green Container  
CLR GRN



Green Container  
GREEN



Dark Green Sodium Heparin  
DK GRN



Gold Container  
GOLD

★ Acceptable for EDTSP ONLY

★ Acceptable if unspun & unopened, not preferred tube type