

Specimen Stability Quick Reference

Refer to Cayuga Health Test Catalog as needed

Chemistry								
Test Name	Stability*	Container	Test Name	Stability*	Container	Test Name	Stability*	Container
Acetaminophen	72 R	SST	FSH	48 R	SST	PTH Intact	8R / 4T	SST
Albumin	72 R	PST/SST	FT3	48 R	SST	QFTB	28 Days R	Specialty Tubes
Alcohol	72 R	SST	FT4	48 R	SST	RF	72 R	SST
ALP	72 R	PST/SST	Gentamicin	72 R	SST	Rubella	48 R	SST
ALT	72 R	PST/SST	GGT	72 R	SST	Salicylate	72 R	SST
Ammonia	3 ICE/30 min T	Pink/Lav	Glucose	72 R	PST/SST/Grey	Syphilis (RPR)	4 Days R	SST
Amylase	72 R	PST/SST	HA1C	7 Days	Lavender	TBILI	72 R	PST/SST
AST	72 R	PST/SST	HDL	72 R	PST/SST	Testosterone	48 R	SST
Blood Gas	30 min T	Syringe	Hepatitis	48 R	SST	TGAB	48 R	SST
B12	24 R	SST	HIV	72 R	Dedicated Pink	Total T3	48 R	SST
BHCG	48 R	PST/SST	Ion Calcium	30 min ICE	Green	Total T4	24 R	SST
BNP	24 R	Pink/Lav	Insulin	24 R	SST	Total Protein	72 R	PST/SST
BUN	72 R	PST/SST	K	72 R	PST/SST	TPO	48 R	SST
Calcium	72 R	PST/SST	Lactic Acid	1 T	Grey	Transferrin	72 R	SST
Carbamazepine	72 R	SST	LDH	72 R	SST	Triglycerides	72 R	PST/SST
Carbon Monoxide	7 days R/T	Green/Syringe	LDL	72 R	PST/SST	Troponin I	48R / 4T	PST only
CEA	48 R	SST	LH	48 R	SST	TSH	72 R	SST
Cholesterol	72 R	PST/SST	Lipase	72 R	PST/SST	Uric Acid	72 R	PST/SST
CK	12 R	PST/SST	Lithium	72 R	SST	Valproic Acid	72 R	SST
Cl	72 R	PST/SST	Lyme	7 Days R	SST	Vancomycin	72 R	SST
CO2	72 R	PST/SST	Magnesium	72 R	PST/SST	Vitamin D	72 R	SST
Cortisol	48 R	PST/SST	Myoglobin	24 R	PST/SST	Whole Blood Lytes	60min R/T	Green
Creatinine	72 R	PST/SST	Na	72 R	PST/SST			
CRP/CRPHS	72 R	PST/SST	Osmolality	72R SST/24R Urine	SST/Urine	Basic UDS & OB UDS	7 Days R	Urine
CSF Glucose	5 Days	CSF vial	Phenobarbital	72 R	SST	Comprehensive UDS	5 Days R	Urine
CSF Protein	72 R	CSF vial	Phenytoin	72 R	SST	Urine Chloride	72 R	Urine
DBILI	72 R	PST/SST	Phosphorus	72 R	PST/SST	Ur Creatinine	72 R	Urine
Digoxin	72 R	SST	Prealbumin	72 R	SST	Urine Potassium	72 R	Urine
Sens Estradiol	72R / 8T	SST	Procalcitonin	48 R	PST/SST	Microalbumin	24 R	Urine
Fe (Iron)	72 R	SST	Progesterone	48 R	Red	Urine Sodium	72 R	Urine
Ferritin	48 R	SST	Prolactin	48 R	SST	Urine UN	72 R	Urine
Folate	48 R	SST	PSA	24 R	SST	Ur Total Protein	48 R	Urine

Hematology		
Test Name	Stability*	Container
BFCC	24 R	Lav/Sterile Cont.
BFCRY	24 R	Sterile Cont.
CBCD	24 R/T	Lavender
CSFCC	1 T	CSF Last Vial (4)
D Dimer	4 T	Blue
ESR	12R / 4T	Lavender
Malaria	24 R	Lavender
Mono	48R SST/24R LAV	SST/Lav
Fibrinogen	4 T	Blue
PT/INR	24 T	Blue
PTT	4 T	Blue
Retic	48R / 24T	Lavender
Urinalysis	24R / 1T	Urine

Blood Bank		
DAT	24 R/T	Pink
Fetal Screen	48 R/T	Pink
Fetal Stain	24 R/T	Pink
TS	72 R/T	Pink

Key	
R	Refrigerated
T	Room Temp

*Stabilities in hours unless otherwise noted
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