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SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Chickenpox Serology

SPECIMEN STORAGE & TRANSPORT

Temperature and Maximum Holding Time (time from collection to test set-up in laboratory):

- Serum collected should be stored at 4°C for up to 48 hours. If specimen will not be tested within 48 hours, it should be stored at -20°C or below. Transport on ice.

Exceptions: for any exceptions to collection, storage or transport conditions, please call lab first to discuss.

KIT STORAGE

Temperature: refrigerated (2–8°C / 35.6–46.4°F)

Expiration:

- Kit must be used prior to expiration date listed on kit label.
- Wash Concentrate can be stored at room temperature for up to two months or at 4°C until the kit expiration date.

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN TYPES

Serum: Collected in an SST tube or sera separated from whole clotted blood collected without anticoagulant.

TEST ORDER OPTIONS FOR THIS KIT

5100: Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Chickenpox Serology

REJECTION CRITERIA

- Holding time greater than 48 hours at 2–8°C
- Specimen container not labeled
- Specimen container not sealed properly
- Grossly contaminated, hemolyzed, lipemic, or icteric specimens should not be used



Examples of SST Tubes