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 Container is unacceptable for testing

Test	Acceptable Specimen Containers	Stability/Info	
		On Ice	Room Temp
Blood Gas ABG / MVBG / OBG / VBG <small>Arterial / Mixed Venous / Other / Venous</small>	    	1 Hour	30 Minutes
HGB Saturation Panel ABGCOOX / MVBGCOOX / VBGCOOX <small>Arterial / Mixed Venous / Venous</small>	    	1 Hour	30 Minutes
Carboxyhemoglobin COHB	    	4 Weeks	4 Weeks
Ionized Calcium ICA / ICAWB <small>Ionized Calcium, Whole Blood</small>	    	4 Hours (WB)	2 Hours (WB)
Lactic Acid, Arterial LAART	    	1 Hour	45 Minutes
Lactic Acid, Venous LAVEN	    	1 Hour	45 Minutes
Methemoglobin METHB	    	1 Hour	1 Hour


 Heparinized Syringe SYR

 Clear Green Container CLR GRN

 Green Container GREEN

 Dark Green Sodium Heparin DK GRN

 Gold Container GOLD

 Requires Medical Director approval to be used, if unspun & unopened