

CONSOLIDATED LABORATORY SERVICES

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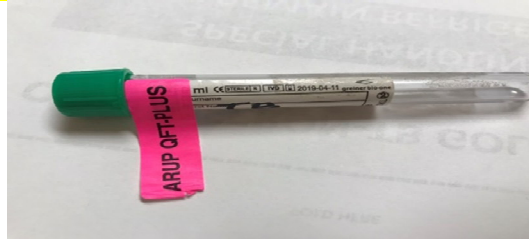
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Technical Bulletin

QuantiFERON-TB Gold Specimen Collection

Effective June 1, 2018, our referral laboratory, ARUP, transitioned to QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus. This testing can be performed on a single tube instead of the previous 3-tube process. Along with the benefit of a single tube, the pre-analytic processing has also been greatly simplified.

1. Collect 6 mL (5 mL min) whole blood directly into the green ARUP QuantiFERON-TB Lithium Heparin Collection Tube. Tubes with less than 5 mL of blood will not be accepted.

Important Note: Tubes must have a pre-affixed pink ARUP QFT-PLUS label. The specimen must be submitted in this designated collection tube. No other lithium heparin tubes are acceptable.



2. After collection, the specimen must remain at room temperature for a minimum of 15 minutes.
3. After 15 minutes at room temperature, refrigerate the specimen within 3 hours of collection and transport to Consolidated Laboratory Services.
4. Once collected, specimens have a short stability and must reach our laboratory within 24 hours of collection.

Specimen collection is limited to Monday – Thursday only.

***Stability:**

Room temperature: 3 hours; Refrigerated: 48 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated