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Implementation of Automated Hemoglobin/Hematocrit on Serous Body Fluids at Westman Laboratory

Effective: February 17, 2015

Ordering: Fluid Hemoglobin Hematocrit panel

Sample Requirements:

Recommended 2.0 – 4.0 mL of body fluid in a 4 mL **EDTA** vacutainer tube

Minimum volume 0.3 ml of body fluid in 2 ml **EDTA** vacutainer tube

For best sample quality, body fluids should be dispensed into EDTA tubes immediately following collection and mixed well by inversion 5-10 times.

Testing cannot be performed on clotted fluids

Sample Stability:

Body fluids > 48 hours old will not be processed.

For best results, body fluid analysis should be processed ASAP after collection.

Please contact Ann Raymer with any questions or concerns

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