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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.

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