

BK POLYOMA VIRUS

Orderable – POLYOMA

Turnaround Time: BK Virus: 3-5 days

Alternate Name(s):

BK Virus

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

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Blood (EDTA) Lavender top Vacutainer	Blood collected with EDTA anticoagulant (lavender-top tube) is required. A minimum of 500ul plasma must be submitted, more than 1 ml is recommended for multiple tests
Urine	Collected in a sterile container. A minimum of 1 ml must be submitted.



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
PCR



Test Schedule:
BK Virus: Tested weekly
on Tuesday and Thursday

Special Processing:

For Specimen Receiving:

After 9 pm: Centrifuge and aliquot plasma. Refrigerate and send to Microbiology the following morning.

BK Virus test is available for kidney and hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients only. Tests will not be performed more than once in a 14-day period.

Storage and Shipment:

Blood (EDTA): Tubes MUST be spun, separated and stored at 4°C for shipment the next morning if there is a delay of ≥4 hours in transport to the Microbiology Laboratory. If there is a delay of more than 24 hours, plasma MUST be frozen at -80°C.

All other specimen types: must be received within 24 hours of collection. If the transport time exceeds 24 hours, the specimen will only be tested if appropriate.