**Orderable - RT**

**Turn Around Time:** 4 hours  
**STAT:** 1 hour

**Alternate Name(s):**

Reticulocyte Count

**Specimen:**

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<td>4 mL K₂ EDTA (Lavender) Vacutainer tube</td>
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**Collection Information:**

If testing is delayed beyond 24 hours from collection, it is recommended the sample be stored at 4°C until time of testing. Sample must be warmed to room temperature prior to analysis.

CBC and RT can be collected in the same tube and that RT can be added on to existing CBC as long as <24 hours.

**Reference Ranges:**

10-100 x 10⁹/L

**Comments:**

Reflection of erythropoietic activity.