Orderable – POLYOMA
Turnaround Time: BK Virus: 3-5 days

Alternate Name(s):
BK Virus

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

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<td>Blood (EDTA) Lavender top Vacutainer</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Urine</td>
<td>Collected in a sterile container. A minimum of 1 ml must be submitted.</td>
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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.