Available at VH only

Orderable: SSPC

Turnaround Time: 4 hours
STAT: 1 hour

Alternate Name(s):
PCT
SSPC
PC

Specimen:

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<th>Pediatric patients less than 60 days old:</th>
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<td>0.5 mL Green top Heparin Microtainer tube</td>
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<td>Other acceptable matrix includes serum, heparinized and EDTA plasma. Plasma/serum tubes containing separating gel can be used.</td>
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Collection Information:
Collect blood aseptically in microtainer or vacutainer tubes as per standard operating procedures.

Reference Range:

| ≤0.5 µg/L |

Interpretive Comments:
Values ≤0.5 µg/L represent a low risk of severe bacterial infection.

Comments:
Procalcitonin testing is currently available for investigation of infants aged 0-60 days with a suspicion of a serious bacterial infection. This test is not offered for patients >60 days old.

Storage and Shipment:
24 hours at 20-25 °C, 48 hours at 2-8 °C, 24 months at -20 °C (± 5 °C). Freeze only once.