

# HEPATITIS BE ANTIGEN

## Orderable - H<sub>Be</sub>Ag

Turn Around Time: 48 hours

### Alternate Name(s):

HBe Ag  
Hbe

### Specimen:

Adult	Pediatric
5 mL Gold top Vacutainer tube	0-2 years: 0.5 mL Gold top Microtainer 2-10 years: 2 mL Gold top tube

### Collection Information:

Collect blood aseptically in a Vacutainer tube.

### Reference Ranges:

See report

### Interpretive Comments:

Early indicator of acute Hepatitis B representing the most infectious period. Usually short-lived (3-6 weeks). Persistence of e antigen in the acute stage beyond 10 weeks is indicative of progression to chronic carrier state and probable liver disease.



**Laboratory:**  
Core Lab



**Requisition:**  
GENERAL LABORATORY  
REQUISITION



**Method of Analysis:**  
Electrochemiluminescence  
Immunoassay



**Test Schedule:**  
24/7