HEPATITIS BE ANTIGEN

Orderable - HpBeAg
Turn Around Time: 48 hours

Alternate Name(s):
HBe Ag
Hbe

Specimen:

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<th>Adult</th>
<th>Pediatric</th>
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<td>5 mL Gold top</td>
<td>0-2 years: 0.5 mL Gold top Microtainer</td>
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<td>Vacutainer tube</td>
<td>2-10 years: 2 mL Gold top tube</td>
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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.