

Potassium

Synonyms	K
Abbreviation	K
Specimen type	Preferred: Plasma Acceptable: Serum
Container	Green/Yellow (PST), Green, Green/White; Red, Red/Yellow (SST).
Volume	1 mL Minimum: 0.5 mL Plasma/Serum
Collection requirements	Avoid hemolysis. Centrifuge within 4 hours.
S/H instructions	Refrigerate.
Stability	Centrifuged: 1 week at room temp or refrigerated. 1 year frozen.
Reference range	3.5-5.1 mmol/L ≤ 2.5 or ≥ 6.5 mmol/L (PANIC) Newborn: ≤ 2.5 or ≥ 8.0 mmol/L (PANIC)
Routine / STAT T.A.T	Within 4 hours / 1 hour
Section	CHEM
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