

Manual Differential

Order Name: **DF**
Test Number: 0101510
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Manual Differential	Microscopy	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	5 mL (1 mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA (Lavender Top)	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	1 mL (0.5 mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA (Lavender) Microtainer/Bullet	Refrigerated
Alternate 2	2 Slides (1 Slide)	Peripheral Blood	Clipped Corner Glass Slides with Holder	Room Temperature
Instructions	<p>For best results: If unable to send a fresh EDTA specimen; send fresh, unstained blood smears (made on a 26 x 75mm, white, 45-degree clipped corner slides).</p> <p>Note: We cannot guarantee testing will be performed if smears are submitted on non-clipped corner slides. Reference: Memorandum from Nov. 1, 2023</p>			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	See Notes
Expected TAT	1-3 Days
Clinical Use	The white blood cell count is useful in the diagnosis and management of infection, inflammatory disorders, hematopoietic malignancies, evaluation of myelopoietic disorders, drug effects, and response to various cytotoxic agents. The differential count is performed to acquire further information concerning the above states and enables one to arrive at values for the absolute value of discreet WBC populations. Absolute values for individual cell populations are obtained from a combination of the WBC count and the % of each cell type from the differential.
Notes	Microscopic examination includes enumeration of white blood cell populations and cellular morphology.
	<p>Testing Schedule: Monday through Friday if clipped corner slides are sent. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday if non-clipped corner slides are sent.</p>
CPT Code(s)	85007
Lab Section	Hematology