

Hemoglobin/Hematocrit (HGB/HCT)

Order Name: **HGB HCT**
Test Number: 0102225
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Hematocrit (HCT)	Flow cytometry	4544-3
Hemoglobin (HGB)	Flow cytometry	718-7

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
Instructions	For best results: Room temperature specimens should be tested within 12hrs, otherwise send Refrigerated. Refrigerated specimens can be tested up to 48hrs. Specimens received greater than 48hrs old will be canceled.			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	1 Day
Clinical Use	Hemoglobin levels are performed in order to determine the oxygen carrying capacity of blood, and to assess anemia, polycythemia, and their response to therapy. Decreased hemoglobin is caused by anemia of all types. Hemoglobin concentration is also decreased with fluid reconstitution, edematous states, and pregnancy.
CPT Code(s)	85014, 85018
Lab Section	Hematology