

Vitamin B12

Order Name: **VIT B 12**
Test Number: 4500900
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Vitamin B12	Chemiluminescence Assay	2132-9

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	1 mL (0.5 mL)	Serum	Clot Activator SST	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	1 mL (0.5 mL)	Plasma	Lithium Heparin PST (Light Green Top)	Refrigerated
Instructions	Allow serum to clot fully, then separate serum and plasma within 2 hours of collection. Unacceptable: hemolyzed serum or plasma. Specimen stability: Ambient 3 days, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 1 month			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	1-3 days
Clinical Use	Useful in the investigation of macrocytic anemia and work-up of deficiencies seen in megaloblastic anemias. Also used for diagnosis and investigation of some neurological disorders.
CPT Code(s)	82607
Lab Section	Chemistry