

Table 1. below lists test that have short life spans and must reach the Laboratory rapidly for separation or analysis.

KEY: h = hour d = day m = month y = year

Stability in whole blood			
Test	Container	At Room Temp	Refrigerated
C- Peptide	Serum ,Li heparin	6h	6h
Cortisol	Serum	2h	4h
Folate	Serum, Li heparin	4h	4h
Lactate	Fluoride	6h	6h
	CSF plain	N/A	N/A
LDH	Serum , Li heparin	2h	4h
PTH	EDTA ,	24h	24h
	Other	6h	6h
Iron	Serum	1h	
Potassium	Serum ,Li heparin	6h	2 h
Inorganic Phosphorous	Serum, Li Heparin	2h	2h
Magnesium	Serum, Li Heparin	6h	24h
Insulin	EDTA ,	5h	12h
	Serum	5h	12h
D Dimers	Citrate	6 h	
FBC	EDTA	24 h	24 h
HGB	EDTA	48 h	48 h
Manual Differential	EDTA	8 h	8 h
PT	Citrate	6 h	6 h
PTT	Citrate	6 h	6 h