

Acceptable Tube Types



Amylase

Alternate Name:	None
Performing Lab:	New Hanover and Cape Fear
Specimen Container:	Yellow serum separator tube or Green top tube (lithium heparin) or Red top tube
Minimum Volume Required:	1.0 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: Yes
Turnaround Time:	Routine: 4 hours Stat: < 1 hour
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	25 – 115 U/L
Critical Value:	> 599 U/L
CPT Code:	82150
Testing Methodology:	Two point rate
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Work-up for abdominal pain, epigastric tenderness, nausea, and vomiting. Such findings characterize acute pancreatitis as well as acute surgical emergencies such as gastrointestinal perforation (eg, peptic ulcer with perforation) or bowel infarct.