

Notification Date: January 5, 2024 Effective Date: Immediate

Human Transforming Growth Factor beta 1 (TFG-b1)

Test ID: FHTGF

Explanation:

Effective immediately, Test ID FHTFG, performed by BioAgilytix Diagnostics will have the following change. If the centrifuge guidelines are not followed it could cause elevated results.

Current Specimen Required

Specimen Type: Platelet-free Plasma

Container/Tube: lavender top EDTA

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a lavender top (EDTA) tube(s). Spin down and send 1 mL platelet-free plasma frozen in plastic vial.

New Specimen Required

Specimen Type: Platelet-free Plasma

Container/Tube: lavender top EDTA

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a lavender

top (EDTA) tube(s).

Following centrifuge instructions below, spin down and send 1 mL platelet-free plasma frozen in plastic vial.

Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of collection. Centrifuge plasma again at 3000 x g for 10 minutes for complete platelet removal. Freeze at -20 degrees C or below.

For fixed speed centrifuges such as 645e: Collect in lavender top tube using EDTA as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge 3 times for 10 minutes at 1600 x g while decanting the plasma each time before the next spin within 30 minutes of collection. Freeze at -20 degrees C or below.

Questions:

Contact MCL Referrals Supervisor Amy Bluhm at 800-533-1710.