

Antithrombin Activity, with Reflex to Antithrombin Antigen, Plasma

Test ID: AATTF

Useful for:

Diagnosis of antithrombin deficiency, acquired or congenital

Reflex Tests:

Test ID	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
AATTA	Antithrombin Summary Interp	No	No
ATTI	Antithrombin Antigen, P	Yes	No

Methods:

Chromogenic Assay

Reference Values:

Normal values:
80%-130%

Normal, full-term newborn infants have lower levels (> or =35%-40%) that reach normal values by 90 days of age. Premature infants (30-36 weeks gestation) have lower levels that reach normal values by 180 days of age.

Specimen Requirements:

Specimen Type: Platelet-poor plasma

Collection Container/Tube: Light-blue top (3.2% sodium citrate)

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. For complete instructions, see [Coagulation Guidelines for Specimen Handling and Processing](#).
2. Centrifuge, transfer all plasma into a plastic vial, and centrifuge plasma again.

3. Aliquot plasma into a plastic vial leaving 0.25 mL in the bottom of centrifuged vial.
4. Freeze plasma immediately (no longer than 4 hours after collection) at -20 degrees C or ideally, at or below -40 degrees C.

Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL

Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Plasma Na Cit	Frozen	14 days

Cautions:

Heparin therapy may temporarily decrease plasma antithrombin activity.
Antithrombin activity in serum specimens may be significantly lower than in plasma.

CPT Code:

85300
85301 (if appropriate)

Day(s) Performed: Monday through Saturday **Report Available:** 1 to 3 days

Questions

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