

Notification Date: February 25, 2025 Effective Date: March 27, 2025

Apolipoprotein E Genotyping, Blood

Test ID: APOEG

Explanation: On the effective date, the Specimen Required and Stability will be updated. The whole blood specimen type will no longer accept any anticoagulant and an additional acceptable specimen type will be added.

Current Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. Call 800-533-1710 for instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant.

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top

(ACD)

Acceptable: Any anticoagulant Specimen Volume: 3 mL Collection Instructions:

1. Invert whole blood several times to mix blood.

Do not aliquot.

2. Send specimen in original tube.

New Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. For information about testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant, call 800-533-1710.

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)

Acceptable: None Specimen Volume: 3 mL Collection Instructions:

1. Invert several times to mix blood.

2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot**. **Specimen Stability Information**: Ambient (preferred) 4

days/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days

Additional Information:

- 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
- 2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

Specimen Type: Extracted DNA

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Screw Cap Micro Tube, 2mL with skirted conical

base

Acceptable: Matrix tube, 1mL Collection Instructions:

1. The preferred volume is at least 100 mcL at a concentration of 75 ng/mcL.

2. Include concentration and volume on tube.

Specimen Stability Information: Frozen (preferred) 1

year/Ambient/Refrigerated

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Additional Information: DNA must be extracted in a CLIA-certified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a specimen type listed as acceptable for this test (including applicable anticoagulants). Our laboratory has experience with Chemagic, Puregene, Autopure, MagnaPure, and EZ1 extraction platforms and cannot guarantee that all extraction methods are compatible with this test. If testing fails, one repeat will be attempted, and if unsuccessful, the test will be reported as failed and a charge will be applied. If applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated due to DNA quality will be noted in the report.

Current Specimen Stability				
Specimen	Temperature	Time	Special Container	
Varies	Ambient (preferred)			
	Frozen			
	Refrigerated			

New Specimen Stability				
Specimen	Temperature	Time	Special Container	
Varies	Varies			

Questions

Contact Michelle Raths, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.