

Specimen Storage Update Lactate Dehydrogenase



Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) Specimen Transportation & Storage

Effective 04/25/2018

Due to specimen stability, the specimen transportation requirement for Lactate Dehydrogenase has changed from refrigerated to **room temperature (20 - 25°C)**. LDH will now print on its own specimen number. Please collect one tube per specimen label.

Activity of LD-4 and LD-5 isoenzymes are lost if the samples are stored below ambient temperatures. For this reason, **St. Luke's Lab will no longer be able to process add-on requests for LDH**. If you wish to have an LDH performed, a new specimen must be collected.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Kristin Baer, M.D. Chemistry/Immunology Medical Director (218) 249-5208, Megan Johnson, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Chemistry Technical Specialist (218) 249-5207, or Jennifer Viergutz, Laboratory Director (218) 249-5724.

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