

Specimen Requirements



PTH Test Update

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St Luke's Laboratory has transitioned to Siemens updated Parathyroid Hormone, Intact (PTH) reagent. Specimen requirements have been updated with this transition.

Unspun specimens must continue to be transported at ambient temperature and arrive to the laboratory within one hour of draw.

Old requirement:

Temperature	EDTA Plasma Stability	Serum Stability
Room Temperature	8 hours	4 hours
2-8°C	72 hours	48 hours
Frozen at $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$	8 months	Not tested

New requirement:

Temperature	EDTA Plasma Stability	Serum Stability	Lithium Heparin, Sodium Heparin Plasma Stability
Room Temperature	25 hours	8 hours	9 hours
2-8°C	14 days	8 hours	72 hours
Frozen at $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$	Not recommended	30 days	Not recommended

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