



**Time limits for Hematology Testing**  
July 27,2009

<b>TEST</b>	<b>Room Temperature</b>	<b>Refrigerated</b>
CBC	24 hours	36 hours
ESR in EDTA	4 hours	12 hours
Retic Count	24 hours	72 hours
Prothrombin Time (PT)	Centrifuged or uncentrifuged in unopened tube: 24 hours Results may vary over time for patients on anticoagulant therapy	24 hours
PTT (Non-heparinized Patient)	Centrifuged or uncentrifuged in unopened tube: 4 hours	Centrifuge or uncentrifuged in unopened tube: 4 hours
PTT (Heparinized Patient)	Centrifuge within 1 hour and run within 4 hours	Centrifuge within 1 hour and run within 4 hours
Other Coagulation Tests	4 hours	4 hours
Semen for Fertility	1 hour (30 minutes preferred)	Not acceptable
Urinalysis, Routine	2 hours	24 hours
Urinalysis, routine with Boric Acid (Boritex)	72 hours	72 hours
Stool for Occult Blood (Slides)	14 days	N/A
Stool for Reducing Substances	2 hours	N/A