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Allermatrix Serum Preparation for Shipping

*** (Serum Only) ***

- No special patient preparation is necessary for testing (e.g. diet)
- Use red/gray-top tube (SST). Note: No special patient preparation is needed
- Label drawing tube with patient's full name and collection date
- Draw a sufficient amount of blood to yield the required serum volume for testing
 - Note: The 10 ml SST tube will yield approximately 4-5 ml sera

Number of Tests Ordered	Serum Needed for IgE (mL)	Serum Needed for IgG/IgG4 (mL)
5	0.5	0.5
10	1.0	0.5
15	1.0	0.5
20	1.5	0.5
25	2.0	0.5
30	2.0	0.5
35	2.5	0.5
40	2.5	0.5
45	3.0	0.5
50	3.5	0.5

- Gently invert collection tube 5 times (this will mix clot activator)
- Allow blood to clot in a vertical position for a minimum of 30 minutes (a dense clot should be observed)
- Centrifuge 10 minutes at full speed (1100-1300g) for swinging head units (15 minutes for fixed angle centrifuge)
 - A barrier will form between the clot and serum
- Label graduated transport tube (provided by Allermatrix) with patient's full name and collection date noting the volume
- Pour serum from the vacutainer tube into the transport tube and secure the cap on tightly
- **Complete the Allermatrix request form and verify that you are sending enough serum to perform all testing (see table above). If sending an insurance bill patient, make sure to send a copy of the insurance card both front and back.**
- If serum is not going to be sent immediately, store in refrigerator (for no longer than 2 weeks) if longer then store frozen (**NOTE: If ordering IgG or IgG4 tests, sera cannot be frozen**)
- Place patient transport tube into large screw-top plastic container securing tightly (provided by Allermatrix). Place in zip lock pocket of the biohazard bag (provided by Allermatrix).
- Place the request form in the non-zip portion of the biohazard bag
- Place the bag in the provided **FedEx Large Clinical Pak** envelope
- Complete your address on the airway bill and affix to the FedEx shipping envelope
- Please call Allermatrix for pick-up (do not contact FedEx)