



Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Bilirubin, Total



Turn Around Time: 4 hours STAT - 1 hour

Specimen:

Age	Specimen Type
Adult	4.5mL Green top Vacutainer
Pediatric (0-2 years)	Green top Microtainer



Laboratory: Core Laboratory



Requisition: Electronic Order



Method of Analysis: Enzymatic Rate

Collection Information:

For pediatric samples, a minimum of 0.2 mL is required. Turn off phototherapy lights prior to drawing sample. Hemolyzed and lipemic plasma may interfere with this test methodology

Reference Ranges:

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< 1 day	24.0-149.0 μmol/L
> 1 day-2 days	58.0-197.0 μmol/L
> 2 days-5 days	26.0-205.0 μmol/L
> 5 days	3.4-17.1 μmol/L

Critical Value

INFANTS ONLY

Total Bilirubin: >250 μmol/L

Interpretive Comments:

Urine bilirubin is positive when serum direct bilirubin is elevated.

Please note that in rare cases of gammopathy, in particular type IgM (Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia) may show a significant positive bias for total bilirubin.

It is recommended that bilirubin results should always be assessed in conjunction with the patient's medical history, clinical examination and other findings.

Specimen Stability

Li Heparin (green top tube) unspun: stable for 2 hours

Li Heparin (green top tube) spun: stable for 8 hours at room temperature and 24 hours refrigerated.

Na Fluoride (grey top) spun and unspun: stable for 48 hours