



Laboratory Service Manual

Lab Dept: Hematology

Test Name: MORPHOLOGY

General Information

Lab Order Codes: MORP

Synonyms: Peripheral blood smear; Morphology-Pathology

CPT Codes: 85060 – Blood smear, peripheral, interpretation by physician with written report

Test Includes: Preparation and review of peripheral blood smears.

Logistics

Test Indications: Useful for evaluation of RBC, WBC, and platelet morphology.

Lab Testing Sections: Hematology

Phone Numbers:

Minneapolis: 612-813-6280

Saint Paul: 651-220-6550

Test Availability: Daily, 24 hours

Turnaround Time: 1 - 5 days

Special Instructions: Order a Complete Blood Count (CBC) with Differential and Reticulocte Count at the same time (additional charge).

Patient's diagnosis with a brief clinical history, including drugs the patient is receiving or has recently received, transfusion history, etc., are requested to facilitate interpretation.

Specimen

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Lavender Microtainer®

Draw Volume: 2 mL blood in a 5 mL Lavender top tube or 0.5 mL in a Lavender Microtainer®



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Processed Volume:	Same as Draw Volume
Collection:	Fill to mark on tube or Microtainer®. Mix thoroughly by gentle inversion.
Special Processing:	Lab Staff: Do not centrifuge
Patient Preparation:	None
Sample Rejection:	Improper tube; Clotted sample; Underfilled tube; Overfilled tube; Mislabeled or unlabeled tubes

Interpretive

Reference Range:	Interpretive report
Critical Values:	Presence of Blasts; however, if the presence of Blasts has been reported within the last 30 days no notification is necessary.
Limitations:	N/A
Methodology:	Light Microscopy
References:	Harmening (1997) Clinical Hematology and Fundamentals of Hemostasis, 3 rd ed Oski and Nathan (1998) Hematology of Infancy and Childhood, 5 th ed
Updates:	3/21/2011: Critical value statement for Blasts previously listed as "Presence of Blasts". Qualifying statement added.