



Laboratory Service Manual

Lab Dept: Hematology

Test Name: PLATELET COUNT

General Information

Lab Order Codes: PLTC

Synonyms: N/A

CPT Codes: 85027 – Hemogram and platelet count, automated

Test Includes: N/A

Logistics

Test Indications: Useful for evaluating, diagnosing, and/or following up bleeding disorders, drug induced thrombocytopenia, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), leukemia states, and investigating purpuric petechiae.

Lab Testing Sections: Hematology

Phone Numbers:

Minneapolis: 612-813-6280

Saint Paul: 651-220-6550

Test Availability: Daily, 24 hours

Turnaround Time: 2 hours

Special Instructions: **Do Not** collect specimen while lipids are being infused or for 4 hours post-infusion. A clean venipuncture is essential, must arrive within 2 hrs of draw.

Specimen

Specimen Type: Whole blood

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

Draw Volume: 2.0 mL blood in a short draw 5.0 mL Lavender top tube or 0.5 mL in a Lavender Microtainer®

Processed Volume: Same as Draw Volume



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Collection:	Fill to mark on tube or Microtainer®. Mix thoroughly by gentle inversion.
Special Processing:	N/A
Patient Preparation:	None
Sample Rejection:	The following samples will be rejected: Improper tube, Clotted sample, Overfilled tube, Underfilled tube

Interpretive

Reference Range:	150 - 450 x 10 ³ /μL
Critical Values:	<50 or >1,000 x 10 ³ /μL
Limitations:	Hyperlipemia or an extremely elevated WBC may on rare occasion delay the turnaround time of the platelet count.
Methodology:	Automated Cell Counter
Contraindications:	N/A
References:	Harmening DH (1997) Clinical Hematology and Fundamentals of Hemostasis, 3rd ed Oski and Nathan (1998) Hematology of Infancy and Childhood, 5 th ed