Lab Dept:	Chemistry	
Test Name:	BILIRUBIN, TOTAL	
General Information		
Lab Order Codes:	TBIL	
Synonyms:	Total Bilirubin; Nbil; Neonatal Bilirubin	
CPT Codes:	82247 – Bilirubin; total	
Test Includes:	Total bilirubin concentration reported in mg/dL.	
Logistics		
Test Indications:	Bilirubin is the orange-yellow pigment derived from senescent red blood cells. It is extracted and biotransformed in the liver. Bilirubin is screened and monitored for liver disorders, such as jaundice, or liver disease, such as cirrhosis. Total bilirubin measures the entire concentration of bilirubin in the blood.	
Lab Testing Sections:	Chemistry	
Phone Numbers:	MIN Lab: 612-813-6280	
	STP Lab: 651-220-6550	
Test Availability:	Daily, 24 hours	
Turnaround Time:	1 hour	
Special Instructions:	N/A	
Specimen		
Specimen Type:	Blood	
Container:	<b>Preferred:</b> Green top (Li Heparin) tube Alternate: SST: Red, marble or gold top tube or Green (NaHep) tube	
Draw Volume:	0.6 mL blood	
Processed Volume:	0.2 mL plasma/serum	
Collection:	Routine blood collection	

Special Processing:	Lab Staff: Specimen must be separated from cells within 2 hours of collection. Centrifuge specimen, remove serum/plasma aliquot into plastic sample cup. Analyze within 2 hours, or protect from light by using foil or an amber tube. Store refrigerated.	
	When protected from light, samples are stable for 8 hours at room temperature, at 2-8 degrees C for 1 week and at <-20 degrees C for 3 months.	
Patient Preparation:	Remove photo therapy prior to sample collection.	
Sample Rejection:	Unlabeled or mislabeled specimen	

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## Interpretive

Reference Range:	Reference ranges by Method:		
	Method Abbott		
	0 – 14 days:	0.2 – 12.0 mg/dL	
	15 – 364 days:	0.1 – 0.7 mg/dL	
	1 – 8 years:	0.1 – 0.4 mg/dL	
	9 – 11 years:	0.1 – 0.6 mg/dL	
	12 – 14 years:	0.1 – 0.7 mg/dL	
	15 – 18 years:	0.1 – 0.8 mg/dL	
	Adult:	0.2 – 1.2 mg/dL	
Critical Values:	<1 day: >12.0 mg/dL		
	>1 day: >15.0 mg/dL		
Limitations:	Exposure to light rapidly and significantly decreases bilirubin.		
Methodology:	ABBOTT: Diazonium Salt		
References:	Frequently Asked Questions (March 2008) Dade Behring, Global Products Support		
	Clinical Significance, Dade Behring Inc., Glasgow Business Community, Mailbox 531, P.O. Box 6101, Newark, Delaware 19714		

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	Jacobs & DeMott Laboratory Test Handbook (2001) Lexi-Comp, Inc, Hudson, OH, 5th Edition	
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Updates:	<ul> <li>2/8/2016: Update alt tube types</li> <li>9/13/2016: Update "protect from light" requirements</li> <li>10/18/2019: New backup instrumentation and related reference ranges</li> <li>2/19/2020: Added Siemens Vista interference with eltrombopag treatment.</li> <li>9/23/2020: Updated specimen stability info.</li> <li>11/9/2020: Retired method VISTA, updated containers</li> <li>7/18/22: Update ref range for 0-14 days</li> </ul>	