
Lab Dept: Other Fluids

Test Name: POTASSIUM, FLUID

General Information

Lab Order Codes: FLK (Specify fluid type)

Synonyms: K, Fluid; Fluid Potassium; Fluid K

CPT Codes: 84132 - Potassium

Test Includes: Fluid potassium level in mEq/L

Logistics

Test Indications: Useful for determining electrolyte levels in aqueous fluids.

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: Indicate source of specimen on request form

Specimen

Specimen Type: Body fluid (specify fluid type), ie, pleural fluid, peritoneal fluid

Container: Screw-capped, sterile vial

Draw Volume: 1 mL fluid

Processed Volume: Same as Draw Volume

Collection: Maintain sterility and forward promptly at ambient temperature only.

Special Processing: Lab staff: Specimens must be aqueous to perform the test. Centrifuge sample to obtain a supernatant similar to serum or plasma.

Patient Preparation: None

Sample Rejection: Clotted specimens, highly viscous specimens, mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Interpretive

Reference Range: Reference values not established. Results must be interpreted in conjunction with clinical findings.

Critical Values: N/A

Limitations: N/A

Methodology: Integrated Multisensor Technology

References: QuikLYTE® Integrated Multisensor insert sheet (2009-09-10) PN 717500.003 - US

Dimension RxL MAX Operator's Guide (05/2003)

Tietz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry 3rd Edition (1999) W.B. Saunders Company

Clinical Significance Dade Behring Inc., Glasgow Business Community, Mailbox 531, P.O. Box 6101, Newark, Delaware 19714

Jacobs & DeMott Laboratory Test Handbook (2001) Lexi-Comp, Inc, Hudson, OH, 5th Edition

Updates: 8/18/2009: Turnaround time previously listed as 4 hours.