

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENT AND STABILITY /FILE DEFINITION CHANGE

NOTIFICATION DATE: August 22, 2013 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 23, 2013

Hemoglobin Electrophoresis Cascade, Blood

Test ID: HBELC Secondary ID: 81626

NOTE: Effective with this change, all orders placed for this test must be submitted in the alpha-numeric character Test ID format instead of the numeric Secondary ID. Result codes may also be subject to change. Please review Test Set-Up and Conversion Mapping information at: http://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/test-notifications/index.html

EXPLANATION: Specimen stability for this assay has been updated to 7 days. The requested specimen volume has also increased from 6 to 10 mL.

CURRENT SPECIMEN STABILITY INFORMATION:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood EDTA	Refrigerated	10 days

NEW SPECIMEN STABILITY AND REQUIREMENT INFORMATION:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood EDTA	Refrigerated	7 days

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA)

Acceptable: ACD (solution B), sodium heparin

Specimen Volume: 10 mL

Collection Instructions: Do not transfer blood to other containers.

Additional Information: 1. Patient's age is required.

- 2. Include recent transfusion information.
- 3. For information on thalassemias and appropriate test ordering, see Thalassemia Tests in Special Instructions.

Forms:

- 1. **New York Clients-Informed consent is required.** Please document on the request form or electronic order that a copy is on file. An Informed Consent for Genetic Testing (Supply T576) is available in Special Instructions.
- 2. Thalassemia/Hemoglobinopathy Information Sheet (Supply T358) in Special Instructions
- 3. If not ordering electronically, please submit a Hematopathology/Molecular Oncology Request Form (Supply T241) with the specimen.