



CARBOXYHAEMOGLOBIN, BLOOD

Synonym(s):

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Specimen Required	3 mL blood in heparinised sealed syringe immersed in crushed ice. Send without delay for immediate analysis.
Method	Co-oximetry
Reference Interval/Value	From 0 day Non-smokers: <1.5 % total Hb Smokers (1-2 packs/day): 1.5 - 4.9 % Heavy smokers (>2 packs/day): 5.0 - 9.0 % Toxic: >20 %
Turnaround Time	Mean = 4 hrs, Range: 3 - 5 hrs
Day(s) Test Set up	Daily, 24-h STAT

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