

## Blood Gas Venous

<b>Synonyms</b>	Venous blood gas, VBG												
<b>Abbreviation</b>	Venous BG												
<b>Specimen type</b>	Whole blood, venous												
<b>Container</b>	Li Heparin tube (green or green/yellow)												
<b>Volume</b>	1.0 mL Minimum: 0.5 mL												
<b>Collection requirements</b>	Avoid introduction of air to tube; mix well. If analysis will be delayed >30 min, place on ice.												
<b>S/H instructions</b>	Perform testing ASAP. Place on ice if testing delayed >30 min.												
<b>Stability</b>	30 min at room temp												
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<b>Routine / STAT T.A.T</b>	Within 4 hours / 1 hour												
<b>Section</b>	Chem												
<b>LAB code</b>	01990												