
LAB ALERT – NEW TEST**NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/11/2013****EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/24/2013****ERYTHROPOIETIN****TEST CODE:** EPOT**INTERFACE CODE:** 1004380**METHODOLOGY:** Chemiluminescent Immunoassay**CLINICAL UTILITY:** Erythropoietin (EPO) measurement aids in diagnosis of anemias and polycythemias. In the patients being administered recombinant EPO, this assay may be used to predict and monitor response to recombinant EPO treatment of anemias.**PERFORMED:** Sunday - Saturday**COLLECTION:** Serum Separator tube or Lithium Heparin Plasma Separator tube preferred. Red top tubes and serum aliquots are acceptable.

NOTE: In view of diurnal variation shown in EPO levels, it is recommended that samples be collected at a consistent time of day. Morning samples between 7:30 am and 12:00 noon are recommended.

SPECIMEN PREPARATION: Centrifuge the Serum or Plasma Separator tube and transport; if a plain red top tube; centrifuge, aliquot serum into a standard transport tube and transport.**STABILITY (FROM COLLECTION TO INITIATION OF TESTING):** Refrigerated: 7 days
Frozen: 1 week (Do not thaw more than 3 times)**TRANSPORT:** Refrigerated**REFERENCE RANGE:** 2.59 – 18.50 mIU/mL**RESULTS REPORTED:** Within 1 day**CPT CODE(S):** 82668**PERFORMING LAB:** ClearPoint**ORDER/CONTACT INFORMATION:** ClearPoint Client Services: 972-966-7700 | Fax: 972-966-7799