



# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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## ATTENTION HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



### REMINDER FOR SYPHILIS TESTING

**In order to meet manufacturer's FDA approved procedures for syphilis testing, the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL) must receive whole blood specimens:**

- **Within 3 days of collection if stored at room temperature**  
**OR**
- **Refrigerated upon collection and shipped to the BCL on ice (2-8°C) for receipt within 7 days.**

**Any specimens received with a collection date greater than 3 days at room temperature or greater than 7 days under refrigeration will be unsatisfactory - too old for testing. Do not separate serum and freeze specimens unless directed to do so by laboratory staff.**

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if you have questions regarding this bulletin.*

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