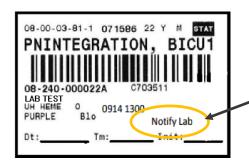
## LABORATORY SPECIMEN SPECIAL HANDLING

## MOST COMMON SPECIMENS REQUIRING SPECIAL HANDLING

Laboratory Test	Special Handling	Explanation of Handling
Ammonia Level	Keep on ice	Deliver to lab on ice, immediately
Bilirubin	Protect from light	Use amber tube or wrap labeled tube in foil
Celiac Panel	Refrigerate	If test not delivered to lab within 8 hours
Hemoglobin A1C	Refrigerate	If test not delivered to lab within 24 hours
Influenza A and B Antigen	Deliver immediately	Deliver to lab within 15 minutes
Lactic Acid	Keep on ice	Deliver to lab on ice, immediately
Neonatal Screen	Hold at RT	Keep at room temperature
PT, PTT, Fibrinogen	Fill to line	Fill to indicator line near top of tube
RPR	Refrigerate	If test not delivered to lab within 4 days
Thromboelastograph (TEG)	Walk to Lab	Hand deliver to lab within 2 hours
Vitamin B12 Level	Protect from light	Use amber tube or wrap labeled tube in foil
Vitamin D Level	Discrete Sample	This test has to be in a tube all by itself



Specimens requiring special handling instructions will be located on specimen label

