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Required Specimen Type	Blood sample.			
Medical Supplies	SST gel tubes (min. 2, max. 5 depending on the requested test)			
General Guidelines	<ol> <li>All specimens must include a double identification (first and last name of the patient and date of birth or medicare number).</li> <li>The use of gloves is required when handling all biological specimens.</li> <li>A valid requisition must include the following information:         <ul> <li>First and last name of the patient, date of birth or medicare number and sex.</li> <li>Date and time of specimen collection and signature of collector.</li> <li>Physician's full name, signature and license number (or other qualified prescriber).</li> <li>Any relevant clinical information.</li> <li>Requested tests.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			
Patient Preparation	<ol> <li>1) 12 hour fasting is required. A minimum of 8 to 10 hour fast is sufficient for pregnant women;</li> <li>2) The test must be performed while the patient is sitting calmly;</li> <li>3) It is forbidden to eat or drink throughout the duration of the test (with the exception of the glucose drink);</li> <li>4) Glucose quantity:         <ul> <li>Pregnant women: 75 g or 100 g according to physician's request</li> <li>Adults: 75 g</li> <li>Children: 1.75g/kg up to maximum of 75 g</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			
Specimen Collection Instructions	<ul> <li>The blood samples should be collected according to the following time intervals: <ol> <li>0 hour before the glucose drink;</li> <li>0.5 hour after the glucose drink. This interval should be avoided for pregnant women;</li> <li>1 hour after the glucose drink;</li> <li>2 hours after the glucose drink. This sample ends the 2 hours glucose tolerance test;</li> <li>3 hours after the glucose drink. This sample ends the 3 hours glucose tolerance test;</li> <li>4 hours after the glucose drink. This sample ends the 5 hours glucose tolerance test.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Notes: <ol> <li>A capillary blood glucose is strongly recommended before performing this test and before drinking the glucose drink</li> <li>The blood draw time must be indicated on each tube after each collection.</li> <li>Leave the tube in a vertical position for 30 minutes to allow coagulation and then centrifuge for 15 minutes (RCF 1200).</li> <li>Do not continue with the glucose tolerance test in these case: <ol> <li>The AC glucose is ≥ 7,0 mmol/L.</li> <li>A non-pregnant individual with a random glucose of ≥ 11,0 mmol/L.</li> <li>A pregnant individual with a random glucose of ≥ 10,3 mmol/L.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>			
Additional Information	N/A			
Specimen Conservation and Stability	<ul><li>8 hours centrifuged at room temperature</li><li>72 hours refrigerated</li></ul>			