

IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY

A. SERVICES AVAILABLE

1. Blood Products are no longer stocked at the R. W. Bliss Army Health Center.
2. Routine transfusions (therapeutic or prophylactic) will not be performed at this Health Center
3. All emergency requests for blood products should be made directly to the Sierra Vista Community Hospital Blood Bank.
4. Blood types, antibody screens, and direct antiglobulin tests are performed on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday each week.

B. SPECIMEN COLLECTION:

1. Lavender-top (EDTA) tubes are the primary choice for Direct Antiglobulin Testing (DAT)
2. Red-top tubes are used for all other tests; second choice for DAT testing.
3. Specimen label must include: complete patient name , FMP/SSN, date/time drawn and phlebotomist initials.

C. SPECIMEN TESTING:

1. Immunohematology testing is performed three times a week, on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
ABO & RH Type	Clot tube (red top)	Refrigerate.
Antibody Screen (Indirect Antiglobulin Test)	Clot tube (red top)	Refrigerate.
Antibody Identification	Clot tube (red top)	Refrigerate.
Direct Antiglobulin Test	Clot tube (red top)	Refrigerate.

2. Non-hemolyzed specimens are preferred. Hemolysis may interfere or mask reactions.