

Platelet Counts on Sodium Citrate Specimens

Test Discontinuation

Notification Date: May 26, 2026

Effective: Immediately

ProMedica Laboratories will no longer offer a platelet count using blood from sodium citrate tubes when the patient potentially has platelet clumping caused by a reaction to EDTA anticoagulant.

The use of sodium citrate tubes for platelet analysis is not approved by the instrument manufacturer and evidence to using a lab developed test for this practice is not conclusive. Therefore, a platelet estimate will be provided.

