**Sample Requirements**

**ITP:**  AutoImmune thrombocytopenia

**Test:** Glycoprotein-specific anti-platelet antibody

(A Glycoprotein-Specific assay is used to measure platelet associated autoantibody)

Investigation for patients with ITP requires whole blood samples to test platelets directly for autoantibody to specific platelet glycoproteins.

Glycoprotein-specific antibody testing for patients with ITP has been shown to be more specific than methods that measure only total platelet associated antibodies¹.


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**Sample Required:** Whole Blood - ACD or Sodium Citrate anticoagulant

- Draw 30 mL venous blood into anticoagulant
- Do NOT centrifuge
- Transfer blood to plastic test tubes
- Indicate patient information and anticoagulant on tube
- Store and Ship at room temperature

**Shipping:**

**Include Patient Data Form**

- Ship Overnight using Courier
- All shipment costs must be PREPAID by sender

- Indicate on all documents and container: “Human Origin - Perishable”

- Foreign shipments must have Customs documentation.

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