Specimen requirements for the T-SPOT.TB test:

**TYPE:** Whole blood

**BLOOD COLLECTION TUBE(S):**
Lithium or sodium heparin (green top)
NOTE: EDTA tubes are not recommended for use

**VOLUME:**
- 6 mL: Adults and children ≥ 10 years old
- 4 mL: Children ≥ 2 and < 10 years old
- 2 mL: Children < 2 years old

A patient’s cells can be pooled, if necessary to obtain sufficient cells from multiple tubes of blood which were collected and processed concurrently.¹

**HANDLING:**
- Whole blood specimens must be stored at room temperature until packaged for transport
- Specimens must be processed within 32 hours of draw

*When using the T-Cell Xtend® reagent

**REFERENCES:**