

Catecholamines, Fractionated, Plasma

Order Name: **CAT FRAC P**
 Test Number: 3801400
 Revision Date: 12/10/2022

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Catecholamines, Fractionated, Plasma	High Performance Liquid Chromatography	49257-9

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	2 mL (2.2 mL)	Plasma	EDTA (Lavender Top)	Frozen

Instructions

Specimen Type: Lavender-top (EDTA) tube or green-top (heparin) tube

Specimen Storage: FREEZE. After centrifugation, the plasma can be stored up to two hours at room temperature. Sample can be kept for up to two weeks at -20(degrees)C.

Specimen Collection: Draw blood in lavender-top (EDTA) tube or green-top (heparin) tube. Invert to mix with preservatives. Centrifuge and transfer the plasma to labeled plastic transport tube. Freeze immediately (within one hour after collection) at -20(degrees)C and ship frozen. The time between blood collection and the preparation of plasma is quite critical; if the time exceeds one hour, catecholamine values increase (when blood is kept at 4(degrees)C) or decrease (when left at 20(degrees)C).[1] To avoid delays in turnaround time when requesting multiple tests on frozen samples, PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FROZEN SPECIMENS FOR EACH TEST REQUESTED.

Specimen Stability: Ambient: Not Available, Refrigerated : Not Available, Frozen: Not Available

GENERAL INFORMATION

Expected TAT	4-6 Days
Performing Labcorp Test Code	084152
Notes	Labcorp Test Code: 084152
CPT Code(s)	82384
Lab Section	Reference Lab