

# **Test Definition: VALPA**

Valproic Acid, Total, Serum

Reporting Title: Valproic Acid, Tot, S

Performing Location: Rochester

**Specimen Requirements:** Collection Container/Tube:

**Preferred:** Serum gel **Acceptable:** Red top

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

**Specimen Volume:** 0.5 mL **Collection Instructions:** 

- 1. Serum gel tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection.
- 2. Red-top tubes should be centrifuged and serum aliquoted into a plastic vial within 2 hours of collection.

#### Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

- -Neurology Specialty Testing Client Test Request (T732)
- -<u>Therapeutics Test Request</u> (T831)

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Frozen	28 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	

# **Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Туре	Unit	LOINC®
VALPA	Valproic Acid, Tot, S	Numeric	mcg/mL	4086-5

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

# **Supplemental Report:**

No

# **CPT Code Information:**

80164

### **Reference Values:**

Therapeutic: 50 (trough)-125 (peak) mcg/mL

Critical value: > or =151 mcg/mL