

Reporting Title: Aldosterone, RAV

Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

**Patient Preparation:** Spironolactone (Aldactone) should be discontinued for 4 to 6 weeks before testing. The plasma renin activity cannot be interpreted if the patient is being treated with spironolactone.

Collection Container/Tube:

**Preferred:** Red top

**Acceptable:** Serum gel

**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

**Specimen Volume:** 1.8 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. See [Renin-Aldosterone Studies](#) for detailed instructions.
2. The recommended collection time is 8 a.m., after the patient is active for approximately 2 hours. Try to collect the specimen as close to that time as possible and no later than 10 a.m.
3. Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	28 days	
	Frozen	30 days	
	Ambient	4 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
6348	Aldosterone, RAV	Numeric	ng/dL	1763-2

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Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

82088

Reference Values:

No established reference values.