

Reporting Title: Tryptophan, P
Performing Location: Rochester

Necessary Information:

1. Patient's age is required.
2. Include family history, clinical condition (asymptomatic or acute episode), diet, and drug therapy information.

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation: Fasting (overnight preferred, 4 hours minimum). Infants should be drawn just before next feeding (2-3 hours without total parenteral nutrition if possible).

Collection Container/Tube:

Preferred: Green top (sodium heparin)
Acceptable: Lavender top (EDTA), plasma gel tube, green top (lithium heparin)

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. Collect specimen and place on wet ice. Note: Thrombin-activated tubes **should not be used** for collection.
2. Centrifuge immediately or within 4 hours of collection if the specimen is kept at refrigerated temperature.
3. Being careful to ensure that no buffy coat is transferred, aliquot plasma into a plastic vial and freeze.

Forms:

[If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Biochemical Genetics Test Request](#) (T798) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Plasma	Frozen	14 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
82955	Tryptophan	Numeric	nmol/mL	20659-9
34619	Interpretation (TRYPP)	Alphanumeric		59462-2
38056	Reviewed By	Alphanumeric		18771-6

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Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

82131

Reference Values:

< or =23 months: 17-75 nmol/mL
2 years-17 years: 23-80 nmol/mL

> or =18 years: 29-77 nmol/mL