

Reporting Title: Protein S Ag, P
Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

Specimen Type: Platelet-poor plasma

Patient Preparation: Patient must not be receiving heparin or Coumadin. If the patient is being treated with Coumadin, this should be noted. Coumadin will lower protein S.

Collection Container/Tube: Light-blue top (3.2% sodium citrate)

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vials

Specimen Volume: 1 mL in 2 plastic vials each containing 0.5 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. For complete instructions, see [Coagulation Guidelines for Specimen Handling and Processing](#).
2. Centrifuge, transfer all plasma into a plastic vial, and centrifuge plasma again.
3. Aliquot 0.5 mL of plasma into 2 plastic vials, leaving 0.25 mL in the bottom of centrifuged vial.
4. Freeze plasma immediately (no longer than 4 hours after collection) at -20 degrees C or, ideally -40 degrees C or below.
5. Send specimens in the same shipping container.

Additional Information: A double-centrifuged specimen is critical for accurate results as platelet contamination may cause spurious results.

Forms:

[If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Coagulation Test Request](#) (T753) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Plasma Na Cit	Frozen	14 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
PSF	Protein S Ag, Free, P	Numeric	%	27821-8

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

Supplemental Report:

No

Components:

Test Id	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
PSF	Protein S Ag, Free, P	1	85306	Yes	No

CPT Code Information:

85306-Free
85305-Total (if appropriate)

Reflex Tests:

Test Id	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
PST	Protein S Ag, Total, P	1	85305	No	No

Result Codes for Reflex Tests:

Test ID	Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
PST	PST	Protein S Ag, Total, P	Numeric	%	27823-4

Reference Values:

TOTAL
Males: 80-160%
Females
<50 years: 70-160%
> or =50 years: 80-160%

FREE
Males: 65-160%
Females
<50 years: 50-160%
> or =50 years: 65-160%

Normal, full-term newborn infants or healthy premature infants may have decreased levels of total protein S (15-50%); but because of low levels of C4b-binding protein, free protein S may be normal or near the normal adult level (> or =50%). Total protein S reaches adult levels by 90 to 180 days postnatal.*

*See Pediatric Hemostasis References section in [Coagulation Guidelines for Specimen Handling and Processing](#)