

Reporting Title: ACh Receptor (Muscle) Binding Ab
Performing Location: Rochester

Ordering Guidance:
For the initial diagnostic workup of patients with suspicion of myasthenia gravis, one of the following testing algorithms is recommended:

- [Myasthenia Gravis Evaluation with MuSK Reflex Algorithm](#)
- [Myasthenia Gravis/Lambert Eaton Syndrome Testing Algorithm](#)

Standalone testing (this test) is recommended in certain situations.

This test should not be requested in patients who have recently received radioisotopes, therapeutically or diagnostically, because of potential assay interference. The specific waiting period before specimen collection will depend on the isotope administered, the dose given, and the clearance rate in the individual patient. Specimens will be screened for radioactivity prior to analysis. Radioactive specimens received in the laboratory will be held for 1 week and assayed if sufficiently decayed or canceled if radioactivity remains.

Specimen Requirements:
Patient Preparation: For optimal antibody detection, specimen collection is recommended prior to initiation of immunosuppressant medication.
Supplies: Sarstedt Aliquot Tube 5 mL (T914)
Collection Container/Tube:
Preferred: Red top
Acceptable: Serum gel
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial
Specimen Volume: 1.5 mL

Forms:
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Neurology Specialty Testing Client Test Request](#) (T732) with the specimen.

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

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
8338	ACh Receptor (Muscle) Binding Ab	Numeric	nmol/L	97558-1

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

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

86041

Reference Values:

< or =0.02 nmol/L