

# **Test Definition: PKU**

Phenylalanine and Tyrosine, Plasma

**Reporting Title:** Phenylalanine and Tyrosine, 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 (4 hours or more for infants)

**Collection Container/Tube:** 

Preferred: Green top (sodium heparin)

Acceptable: Green top (lithium heparin), Lavender top (EDTA)

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

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

1. Centrifuge specimen and aliquot plasma into plastic vial.

2. Send plasma frozen.

#### 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 (preferred)	14 days	
	Refrigerated	14 days	

## **Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Туре	Unit	LOINC®
8380	Phenylalanine, P	Numeric	nmol/mL	14875-9
8627	Tyrosine, P	Numeric	nmol/mL	20660-7

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

### **Supplemental Report:**

No

# **CPT Code Information:**

84030-Phenylalanine 84510-Tyrosine

82542 (if appropriate for government payers)

### **Reference Values:**

PHENYLALANINE

Premature: 98-213 nmol/mL



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0-31 days: 38-137 nmol/mL 1-24 months: 31-75 nmol/mL 2-18 years: 26-91 nmol/mL > or =19 years: 35-85 nmol/mL

### Conversion Formulas:

Result in mg/dL x 60.5=result in nmol/mL Result in nmol/mL x 0.0165=result in mg/dL

### **TYROSINE**

Premature: 147-420 nmol/mL 0-31 days: 55-147 nmol/mL 1-24 months: 22-108 nmol/mL 2-18 years: 24-115 nmol/mL > or =19 years: 34-112 nmol/mL

### Conversion Formulas:

Result in mg/dL x 55.2=result in nmol/mL Result in nmol/mL x 0.0181=result in mg/dL