

Reporting Title: Gadolinium, S  
Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

**Patient Preparation:** High concentrations of gadolinium and iodine are known to interfere with most metal tests. If either gadolinium- or iodine-containing contrast media has been administered, a specimen should not be collected for 96 hours.

**Supplies:** Metal Free Specimen Vial (T173)

**Collection Container/Tube:** Plain, royal blue-top Vacutainer plastic trace element blood collection tube

**Submission Container/Tube:** 7-mL Mayo metal-free, screw-capped, polypropylene vial

**Specimen Volume:** 0.3 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. Allow the specimen to clot for 30 minutes; then centrifuge the specimen to separate serum from the cellular fraction.
2. Remove the stopper. Carefully pour specimen into Mayo metal-free, screw-capped vial, avoiding transfer of the cellular components of blood. **Do not** insert a pipette into the serum to accomplish transfer, and **do not** ream the specimen with a wooden stick to assist with serum transfer.
3. See [Metals Analysis Specimen Collection and Transport](#) for complete instructions.

Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Renal Diagnostics Test Request](#) (T830) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	28 days	METAL FREE
	Ambient	28 days	METAL FREE
	Frozen	28 days	METAL FREE

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
29251	Gadolinium, S	Numeric	ng/mL	80912-9

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

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

83018

Reference Values:

<0.5 ng/mL