

Overview

Useful For

Confirm the diagnosis of carotenoderma; detect fat malabsorption; depressed carotene levels may be found in cases of steatorrhea.

Method Name

High-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Serum

Specimen Required

**Supplies:** Sarstedt 5 mL Aliquot Tube (Amber) (T915)

**Specimen Type:** Serum

**Container/Tube:** Red

**Specimen Volume:**1 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Draw blood in a plain, red-top tube(s). (Serum gel tube is acceptable.)

Spin Down and send 1 mL of serum ambient in an amber vial to protect from light.

Note:

1. Protect from light within 1 hour of collection.
2. Patient must be fasting overnight (12 hours). Blood should be collected before breakfast in the morning and prior to any medication.
3. Abstain from alcohol for 24 hours prior to collection.

Specimen Minimum Volume

0.5 mL

Reject Due To

Hemolysis:	Mild reject; Gross reject
Thawing:	Warm OK; Cold OK
Other:	Specimen other than serum Red or SST, or if not light protected.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Ambient (preferred)	14 days	LIGHT PROTECTED
	Frozen	14 days	LIGHT PROTECTED
	Refrigerated	14 days	LIGHT PROTECTED

Clinical & Interpretive

Reference Values

3 - 91 ug/dL

Interpretation

High levels are useful to rule out steatorrhea but lower values lack specificity. There is poor sensitivity. High in the serum of those ingesting large amounts of vegetables.

Performance

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Report Available

5 to 10 days

Performing Laboratory Location

LabCorp Burlington

Fees & Codes

Fees

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

CPT Code Information

82380

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
FCARO	Carotene, Beta	2053-7

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
FCARO	Carotene, Beta	2053-7