MAYO CLINIC LABORATORIES

Test Definition: UOSMU

Osmolality, Random, Urine

Overview

Useful For
Assessing the concentrating and diluting ability of the kidney

Method Name
Freezing Point Depression

NY State Available
Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type
Urine

Specimen Required
Supplies: Urine Tubes, 10 mL (T068)
Container/Tube: Plastic, 10-mL urine tube
Specimen Volume: 5 mL
Collection Instructions: Collect a random urine specimen

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

Specimen Minimum Volume
1 mL

Reject Due To
All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Urine	Refrigerated (preferred)	7 days	
	Frozen	7 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Osmolality is an index of the solute concentration. Urine osmolality is a measure of the concentration of osmotically active particles, principally sodium, chloride, potassium, and urea; glucose can contribute significantly to the osmolality when present in substantial amounts in urine. Urinary osmolality corresponds to urine specific gravity in nondisease states.

The ability of the kidney to maintain both tonicity and water balance of the extracellular fluid can be evaluated by measuring the osmolality of the urine either routinely or under artificial conditions. More information concerning the state of renal water handling or abnormalities of urine dilution or concentration can be obtained if urinary osmolality is compared to serum osmolality and if urine electrolyte studies are performed. Normally, the ratio of urine osmolality to serum osmolality is 1.0 to 3.0, reflecting a wide range of urine osmolality.

Reference Values

0-11 months: 50-750 mOsm/kg
> or =12 months: 150-1,150 mOsm/kg

Interpretation

With normal fluid intake and normal diet, a patient will produce urine of about 500 to 850 mosmol/kg water. Above age of 20 years, there is an age dependent decline in the upper reference range of approximately 5 mOsm/kg/year.

The normal kidney can concentrate urine to 800 to 1400 mosmol/kg and with excess fluid intake, a minimal osmolality of 40 to 80 mosmol/kg can be reached.

With dehydration, the urine osmolality should be 3 to 4 times the plasma osmolality.

Cautions

No significant cautionary statements

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description

Measurement of the freezing point of urine is the most widely used principle in osmometers. The extent of lowering below 0 degrees C (the freezing point of water) is a function of the concentration of substances dissolved in the urine. By definition 1 milliosmole per kilogram lowers the freezing point 0.001858 degrees C.(Schindler EI, Brown SM, Scott MG: Electrolytes and blood gases. In: Rifai N, Horvath AR, Wittwer CT, eds: Tietz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry and Molecular Diagnostics. 6th ed.2018:610-612)

PDF Report

No

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Day(s) Performed
Monday through Sunday

Report Available
Same day/1 day

Specimen Retention Time
2 days

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

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.

Test Classification
This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

CPT Code Information
83935

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
UOSMU	Osmolality, U	2695-5

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
UOSMU	Osmolality, U	2695-5