Test Definition: PRCON

Protein, Total, Random, Urine (Non-Orderable)

Overview

Useful For

Only orderable as part of a profile. For more information see ORTHP / Orthostatic Proteinuria, Random, Urine.

Measurement of total protein for the assessment of orthostatic proteinuria

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Turbidimetry

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Urine

Specimen Required

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Patient Preparation: Specimens should be collected before fluorescein is given or not collected until at least 24 hour later.
Container/Tube: Plastic, 5-mL tube
Specimen Volume: 4 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. This is a nighttime (supine) collection.
2. Void immediately prior to lying down.
3. Collect an 8-hour (nighttime) urine specimen.
4. Upon awaking in the morning, the patient should immediately void into the specimen cup.
4. No preservative.
5. Invert well before taking 4-mL (maximum) aliquot.

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)	14 days	
	Ambient	24 hours	
	Frozen	30 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Orthostatic proteinuria refers to the development of increased proteinuria that develops only when the person is upright and resolves when recumbent or supine. This condition is usually seen in children, adolescents, or young adults and accounts for the majority of cases of proteinuria in childhood.

Orthostatic proteinuria usually does not indicate significant underlying renal pathology and is usually not associated with other urine abnormalities such as hypoalbuminemia, hematuria, red blood cell casts, fatty casts, etc. Orthostatic proteinuria typically resolves over time.

This test evaluates for this condition by demonstrating either significant proteinuria, even while supine, or normal protein excretion. Significant proteinuria, even while supine, suggests that the patient does not have orthostatic proteinuria while normal protein excretion supports the diagnosis. This test is typically done on three consecutive mornings to provide more robust support for the diagnosis.

Reference Values

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Not established

Interpretation

First-morning urine protein-to-creatinine ratio of less than 0.20 mg/mg creatinine supports the diagnosis of orthostatic proteinuria, while a result greater than 0.20 mg/mg creatinine does not support this diagnosis.
Further investigation into other etiologies for proteinuria may be warranted.

Cautions

False proteinuria may be due to contamination of urine with menstrual blood, prostatic secretions, or semen.

Normal newborn infants may have higher excretion of protein in urine during the first 3 days of life.

The presence of hemoglobin elevates protein concentration.

Protein electrophoresis and immunofixation may be required to characterize and interpret the proteinuria.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description
The sample is preincubated in an alkaline solution containing EDTA, which denatures the protein and eliminates interference from magnesium ions. Benzethonium chloride is then added, producing turbidity.(Package insert: Total Protein Urine/CSF. Roche Diagnostics; 05/2024)

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Monday through Sunday

Report Available
Same day/1 to 7 days

Specimen Retention Time
7 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.

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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

84156

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
PRCON	Protein, Total, Random, U	2888-6

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
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