

**Reporting Title:** Mercury, Nails**Performing Location:** Rochester**Necessary Information:**

Indicate source of nails (fingernails or toenails), if known.

**Specimen Requirements:**

Supplies: Hair and Nails Collection Kit (T565)

Specimen Volume: 0.2 g

Collection Instructions:

1. Prepare and transport specimen per the instructions in the kit or see Collecting Hair and Nails for Metals Testing.
2. Clippings should be taken from all 10 fingernails or toenails.

**Specimen Minimum Volume:**

0.05 g

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Nail	Ambient (preferred)		
	Frozen		
	Refrigerated		

**Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:**

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
HGNA	HGNSC	Specimen Source: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finger</li><li>• Toe</li><li>• Finger and Toe</li></ul>	Answer List	Yes

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
2509	Mercury, Nails	Numeric	mcg/g	8204-0
HGNSC	Specimen Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

**Supplemental Report:**

No

**CPT Code Information:**

83825

**Reference Values:**

0-15 years: Not established

&gt; or =16 years: &lt;1.0 mcg/g of nails