

Reporting Title: Ipecac Use Markers**Performing Location:** Medtox Laboratories, Inc.**Specimen Requirements:**

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Plasma

Draw blood in a green-top (sodium heparin) tube(s), plasma gel tube is not acceptable. Spin down and send 3 mL sodium heparin plasma refrigerated in a plastic vial.

Serum

Draw blood in a plain red-top tube(s), serum gel tube is not acceptable. Spin down and send 3 mL of serum refrigerated in a plastic vial.

Specimen Minimum Volume:

0.6 mL

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Frozen	180 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
Z1199	Emetine	Alphanumeric		12399-2
Z1062	Cephaeline	Alphanumeric		21173-0

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

80323

Reference Values:

Therapeutic and toxic ranges have not been established.

Emetine and cephaeline are alkaloids present in ipecac.

Serum emetine levels within 2 hours of a 30 mL dose of ipecac syrup range from 0 - 75.0 ng/mL.