

Protein Electrophoresis, with Total Protein and Reflex to IFE, Serum

CPT Code: 84155, 84165

Order Code: 10269

Includes: Total Protein, Albumin, Alpha-1 Globulin, Alpha-2 Globulin, Beta-1 Globulin, Beta-2 Globulin, Gamma Globulin, Abnormal Protein Band 1 (if present), Abnormal Protein Band 2 (if present), Abnormal Protein Band 3 (if present), Immunofixation (IFE) (if reflexed)

ABN Requirement: No

Specimen: Serum

Volume: 4.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 2.0 mL

Container: Gel-barrier tube (SST, Tiger Top)

Collection:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. DO NOT SHAKE.
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

Special Information: If abnormal banding is detected, Immunofixation (IFE) will be performed at an additional charge (CPT code 86334).

Fasting: Overnight fasting is preferred

Transport: Store serum at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): 4 days

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days

Frozen (-20°C): 28 days

Causes for Rejection: grossly hemolyzed specimens; grossly lipemic specimens; plasma, grossly icteric

Methodology: Capillary Zone Electrophoresis (CZE), Spectrophotometry (SP)

Turn Around Time: 3 to 7 days

Reference Range:

Protein, Total, Serum:

Protein Electrophoresis:

Clinical Significance: Serum protein electrophoresis (SPE) is an analytical technique that provides separation of serum protein into six fractions: Albumin, Alpha-1, Alpha-2, Beta-1, Beta-2, and Gamma. Interpretation of elevation, decreased, or visual change in different fractions can be used as a diagnostic aid for a variety of different disease states and protein abnormalities, including monoclonal gammopathies (MG).

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