

Complement C3, Serum

Order Name: **C3**

Test Number: 5000300

Revision Date: 02/26/2018

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Complement C3, Serum	Turbidometric	4485-9

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	1.5 mL (1 mL)	Serum	Clot Activator SST	Refrigerated or Frozen
Alternate 1	1.5 mL (1 mL)	Serum	Clot Activator (Red Top, No-Gel)	Refrigerated or Frozen
Instructions	Separate serum from cells within one hour of collection. Stability: Room Temperature N/A, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 8 days. <b>If ordering C3 with CH50, Please Collect a Red No-Gel Clot tube, freeze two separate individual aliquots for C3 and CH50.</b> (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles).			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Mon - Sat
Expected TAT	3 Days
Clinical Use	Low levels may occur during infections, exacerbation of SLE and glomerulonephritis. Undetectable level suggests C3 deficiency.
CPT Code(s)	86160
Lab Section	Immunology - Serology