

Valproic Acid (Depakene)

Order Name: **VALPROIC**
Test Number: 4005800
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Valproic Acid (Depakene)	Enzyme Immunoassay	4086-5

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	1 mL (0.5)	Plasma	Lithium Heparin PST (Light Green Top)	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	1 mL (0.5)	Serum	Clot Activator SST	Refrigerated
Instructions	Draw before dose. Separate plasma/serum from cells/gel ASAP. Stability: Ambient 8 hours, Refrigerated 2 days, Frozen 7 days			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	1-2 days
Clinical Use	Depakene (Valproic Acid) and Depakote (Divalproex Sodium) are closely-related drugs used for the treatment of petit mal, grand mal, mixed and akinetic-myoclonic seizures. Useful for optimizing drug dosage and assessing toxicity.
Notes	Also known as Depakene
CPT Code(s)	80164
Lab Section	Chemistry