

Valproic Acid Level

Synonyms	Valproate, Depakote, Depakene
Abbreviation	VALP
Specimen type	Preferred: Lithium Heparin Plasma (PST) Acceptable: Serum
Container	Green/Yellow (PST), Green/White, or Dark Green Vacutainer or 2 Green Microtainers; Red/Yellow (SST) or Plain Red Vacutainer or 2 Red Top Microtainers.
Volume	1 mL Minimum: 0.5 mL Plasma/Serum
Collection requirements	Draw trough level immediately prior to dose. Verify last dose date/time.
S/H instructions	
Stability	Centrifuged: 2 days at room temperature. 7 days refrigerated. 3 months frozen.
Reference range	Therapeutic 50-100 ug/mL ≥150 ug/mL (TOXIC)
Routine / STAT T.A.T	Within 4 hours / 1 hour

Section	CHEM
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