

Acceptable Tube Types

C3



Alternate Name:	Complement C3
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Red or yellow serum separator or Red or yellow microtainer
Minimum Volume Required:	2.0 mL of whole blood 500 uL whole blood from microtainer
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	8 hours
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	90 – 207 mg/dL
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	86160
Testing Methodology:	Immunoturbidimetric
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Decreased C3 may be associated with acute glomerulo- nephritis, membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, immune complex disease, active systemic lupus erythematosus, and generalized autoimmune processes