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**Lab Dept:** Chemistry

**Test Name:** TOBRAMYCIN, RANDOM

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***General Information***

**Lab Order Codes:** TOBR

**Synonyms:** Nebcin

**CPT Codes:** 80200 - Tobramycin

**Test Includes:** Tobramycin concentration reported in ug/mL.

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***Logistics***

**Test Indications:** Useful for therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM). Tobramycin is an aminoglycoside, which is a polycationic agent that kills aerobic gram-negative bacteria.

**Lab Testing Sections:** Chemistry (Performed on Mpls Campus)

**Phone Numbers:** MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

**Test Availability:** Daily, 24 hours

**Turnaround Time:** Within 2 hours of receipt at Minneapolis lab. Please note – additional time required for transport from off site locations.

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***Specimen***

**Specimen Type:** Blood

**Container:** Green top (Li Heparin) tube, preferred  
Alternate tube: Red, marble or gold top tube

**Draw Volume:** 0.6 mL blood

**Processed Volume:** 0.2 mL serum/plasma

**Collection:** Routine blood collection. Mix tubes containing anticoagulant by gentle inversion. Indicate peak or trough on specimen label.

**Special Processing:** Lab Staff: Centrifuge specimen, remove serum/plasma aliquot into a plastic sample cup. Store at refrigerated temperature.

**Patient Preparation:** None

**Sample Rejection:** Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

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***Interpretive***

**Reference Range:** *Note:* Therapeutic ranges for individual patients should be based on dosing strategy.

Random Level	
Therapeutic concentration:	Not defined

**Critical Values:** >40 ug/mL

**Limitations:** Patients receiving amikacin, kanamycin a or kanamycin b should not rely on this method.

**Methodology:** Particle Enhanced Turbidimetric Inhibition Immunoassay (PETINIA)

**References:**

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**Updates:** 6/1/2023: New test code.