
Lab Dept: Chemistry

Test Name: AMINO ACIDS, PLASMA

General Information

Lab Order Codes: AAQP

Synonyms: Amino Acid Fractionation

CPT Codes: 82139 – Amino acids; 6 or more, quantitative, each specimen

Test Includes: 1-methylhistidine, 3-methylhistidine, alanine, B-alanine, A-amino-n-butyric acid, A-aminoadipic Acid, allo-isoleucine, anserine, arginine, argininosuccinic acid, asparagine, aspartic acid, beta, aminoisobutyric Acid, carnosine, citrulline, cystathionine, cystine, ethanolamine, Gamma-Amino-n-butyric acid, glutamic acid, glutamine, glycine, histidine, homocitrulline, hydroxylysine, hydroxyproline, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, ornithine, phenylalanine, phosphoserine, phosphoethanolamine, proline, sarcosine, serine, taurine, threonine, tryptophan, tyrosine, valine levels reported in nmol/mL.

Logistics

Test Indications: Evaluating patients with possible inborn errors of metabolism.

May aid in evaluation of endocrine disorders, liver diseases, neurological disorders, nutritional disturbances, renal failure, and burns.

Not all patients with homocystinuria will be detected by this assay. If there is a concern for homocystinuria, consider ordering Homocysteine, Total, Urine.

Lab Testing Sections: Chemistry - Sendouts

Referred to: Mayo Medical Laboratories (MML Test: AAQP)

Phone Numbers: MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

Test Availability: Daily, 24 hours

Turnaround Time: 3 - 5 days, test performed Monday – Friday

Special Instructions: Provide family history, clinical condition (asymptomatic or acute episode), diet and drug therapy to the lab to accompany the specimen.

See [Patient Preparation](#)

Specimen

Specimen Type:	Blood
Container:	Green top (Lithium Heparin) tube Alternate tube: Lavender (EDTA), Green (Sodium Heparin)
Draw Volume:	1.5 mL (Minimum: 1 mL) blood
Processed Volume:	0.5 mL (Minimum: 0.3 mL) plasma
Collection:	Routine venipuncture
Special Processing:	Lab Staff: Centrifuge specimen, separate and aliquot into a screw-capped round bottom plastic vial. Include family history, clinical condition, diet and drug therapy information along with the specimen. Ship and store at frozen temperatures. Forward promptly.
Patient Preparation:	Overnight fast is preferred (4 hours minimum). Infants should be drawn before next feeding (2-3 hours without TPN, if possible).
Sample Rejection:	Mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Interpretive

Reference Range:	An interpretation is provided with each report.
Critical Values:	N/A
Limitations:	Reference values are for fasting patients.
Methodology:	Quantitative analysis by LC-MSMS
References:	Mayo Medical Laboratories October
Updates:	3/11/2004: Test moved from Fairview Diagnostic Laboratories to Mayo Medical Laboratories. 5/16/2008: Updated link to reference ranges. 1/11/2011: Addition of arginosuccinic acid and allo-leucine. Units change from umol/L to nmol/mL. 2/8/2012: Tube type changed to Na Hep. 10/3/2012: 17 additional amino acid levels have been added. 4/1/2016: Added alternate tubes. 2/15/2016: Tube update.