
Lab Dept: Chemistry

Test Name: CRYOGLOBULIN, PLASMA AND SERUM

General Information

Lab Order Codes: CRGL

Synonyms: Cryofibrinogen; Cryoprecipitates; Cryoprotein

CPT Codes: 82595 – Cryoglobulin, qualitative or semi quantitative
82585 – Cryofibrinogen
86334 - Immunofixation (if appropriate)

Test Includes: Quantitation and qualitative typing, precipitation at 1 degree centigrade. Includes cryofibrinogen. If cryoglobulin has a result other than negative, Immunofixation will be performed at an additional charge. Positive cryoglobulins of ≥ 0.1 mL of precipitate will be typed once.

Logistics

Test Indications: Useful for evaluating patients with vasculitis, glomerulonephritis, lymphoproliferative disease. Cases of macroglobulinemia or myeloma in whom symptoms occur with cold exposure.

Lab Testing Sections: Chemistry - Sendouts

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

Phone Numbers: MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

Test Availability: Daily, 24 hours

Turnaround Time: 2 – 10 days, test set-up Monday – Friday.

Special Instructions: See [Container](#) and [Collection](#). Requires both EDTA plasma and serum.

Specimen

Specimen Type: Blood

Container: Red top (no gel) tube and Lavender top (EDTA, no gel) tubes

Note: Both tubes are required. Serum is used for cryoglobulin and plasma is used for cryofibrinogen.

Draw Volume: Red top: 9 mL blood
Lavender top: 1.5 mL blood

Processed Volume: Minimum: 3 mL serum and 0.5 plasma

Collection: Routine venipuncture. Keep both specimens warm (37°C Water Bath or Heel Warmer) and deliver to laboratory immediately. Mix lavender top tube by gentle inversion. The serum tube must clot at 37°C for 30 to 60 minutes before processing.

Special Processing: Lab Staff:

Red top NO GEL - Maintain the specimen at 37°C in a water bath until clotted. Allow specimen to clot for 30 to 60 minutes. If the specimen has not been maintained at 37°C from the time of collection, allow the specimen to clot in 37°C water bath for 3 hours. Centrifuge at 37°C. Remove serum and aliquot into a plastic tube and store in refrigerator. Label specimen as serum sample. Ship at refrigerated temperatures.

Lavender top NO GEL - Maintain the specimen at 37°C including centrifugation. Remove plasma aliquot into a screw-capped round bottom plastic vial. Label as plasma sample. Store and ship at refrigerated temperatures.

Patient Preparation: None

Sample Rejection: Not maintained at 37°C prior to processing or gross hemolysis; mislabeled or unlabeled specimens; specimens collected in gel tubes; gross hemolysis; gross lipemia; grossly icteric; less than the amount of serum/plasma specified above

Interpretive

Reference Range:

<p>Cryoglobulin: Negative</p> <p>Note: Positives will be reported as a percent. If positive after 1 or 7 days, immunotyping of the cryoprecipitate is performed at an additional charge.</p>
<p>Cyrofibrinogen: Negative</p> <p>Note: Reported as positive or negative. Quantitation and immunotyping will not be performed on positive cyrofibrinogen.</p>
<p>An interpretive report will be provided.</p>

Critical Values: None

Limitations: Failure to follow specimen handling instructions may cause false-negative results. Not useful for general screening of a population without a clinical suspicion of cryoglobulinemia.

Methodology: Quantitation and Qualitative Typing, Precipitation at 1 degree C. When indicated may include Immunofixation,

References: [Mayo Medical Laboratory](#) April 2016

Updates:
3/4/2004: Test moved from Fairview Diagnostic Laboratory to MML. Test now includes both cryofibrinogen and cryoglobulin.
1/31/2007: MML has split out Immunofixation from this test and will only perform and charge for it with a positive cryoglobulin. Order code previously listed as 9052.
8/29/2007: Positive cryoglobulins of ≥ 0.1 mL of precipitate will be typed once every 6 months.
9/27/2010: Specimen volume updates.