

## Overview

### Useful For

Diagnosing dyslipoproteinemia

Quantitation of cholesterol and triglycerides in very-low-density lipoprotein, low-density lipoprotein (LDL), high-density lipoproteins (HDL), and chylomicrons

Identification of LpX

Classifying hyperlipoproteinemias (lipoprotein phenotyping)

Evaluating patients with abnormal lipid values (cholesterol, triglyceride, HDL, LDL) for specific phenotypes

Quantifying lipoprotein a cholesterol

### Profile Information

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
TCS	Cholesterol, Total, CDC, S	No	Yes
TRIGC	Triglycerides, CDC, S	No	Yes
APLBS	Apolipoprotein B, S	No	Yes
HDLS	HDL Cholesterol, CDC, S	No	Yes
LMPP1	Lipoprotein Metabolism Profile 1	No	Yes

### Method Name

Ultracentrifugation/Electrophoresis/Automated Enzymatic/Colorimetric Analysis

### NY State Available

Yes

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**Specimen****Specimen Type**

Serum

**Necessary Information**

Patient's age and sex are required.

**Specimen Required****Patient Preparation:**

1. Fasting-overnight (12-14 hours)
2. Patient must not consume any alcohol for 24 hours before the specimen is collected.

**Collection Container/Tube:****Preferred:** Serum gel**Acceptable:** Red top**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial**Specimen Volume:** 5 mL**Forms**If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Cardiovascular Test Request Form](#) (T724) with the specimen.**Reject Due To**

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	OK
Gross icterus	Reject

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

2 mL

**Specimen Stability Information**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	7 days	
	Frozen	60 days	

**Clinical & Interpretive**
**Clinical Information**

Lipoprotein metabolism profile analysis adds practical information about the etiology of cholesterol and/or triglyceride elevation. In some patients, increased serum lipids reflect elevated levels of intermediate-density lipoprotein, very-low-density lipoprotein, lipoprotein a (Lp[a]), or even the abnormal lipoprotein complex, LpX. These elevations can be indicative of a genetic deficiency in lipid metabolism or transport, nephrotic syndrome, endocrine dysfunction, or even cholestasis. Identification of the lipoprotein associated with lipid elevation is achieved using the gold-standard methods, which include ultracentrifugation, selective precipitation, electrophoresis, and direct measurement of cholesterol and triglycerides in isolated lipoprotein fractions. Proper characterization of a patient's dyslipidemic phenotype aids clinical decisions and guides appropriate therapy.

Classifying the hyperlipoproteinemias into phenotypes places disorders that affect plasma lipid and lipoprotein concentrations into convenient groups for evaluation and treatment. A clear distinction must be made between primary (inherited) and secondary (liver disease, alcoholism, metabolic diseases) causes of dyslipoproteinemia. Lipoprotein profiling will identify the presence of Lp(a) and LpX and distinguish between the following dyslipidemias:

- Exogenous hyperlipemia (Type I)
- Familial hypercholesterolemia (Type IIa)
- Familial combined hyperlipidemia (Type IIb)
- Familial dysbetalipoproteinemia (Type III)
- Endogenous hyperlipemia (Type IV)
- Mixed hyperlipemia (Type V)

**Reference Values**

	2-9 years	10-17 years	> or =18 years
<b>Total cholesterol</b>	*  Acceptable: <170 mg/dL  Borderline high: 170-199 mg/dL  High: > or =200 mg/dL		**  Desirable: <200 mg/dL  Borderline high: 200-239 mg/dL  High: > or = 240 mg/dL
<b>Triglycerides</b>	*	*	**

	Acceptable: <75 mg/dL Borderline high: 75-99 mg/dL High: > or =100 mg/dL	Acceptable: <90 mg/dL Borderline high: 90-129 mg/dL High: > or =130 mg/dL	Normal: <150 mg/dL Borderline high: 150-199 mg/dL High: 200-499 mg/dL Very high: > or =500 mg/dL
<b>Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol</b>	* Acceptable: <110 mg/dL Borderline high: 110-129 mg/dL High: > or =130 mg/dL		*** Desirable: <100 mg/dL Above Desirable: 100-129 mg/dL Borderline high: 130-159 mg/dL High: 160-189 mg/dL Very high: > or =190 mg/dL
<b>LDL triglycerides</b>	< or =50 mg/dL		< or =50 mg/dL
<b>Apolipoprotein B</b>	* Acceptable: <90 mg/dL Borderline high: 90-109 mg/dL High: > or =110 mg/dL		*** Desirable: <90 mg/dL Above Desirable: 90-99mg/dL Borderline high: 100-119 mg/dL High: 120-139 mg/dL Very high: > or =140 mg/dL
<b>High-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol</b>	* Low: <40 mg/dL Borderline low: 40-45 mg/dL Acceptable: >45 mg/dL		*** Males: > or =40mg/dL Females: > or =50mg/dL
<b>Very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL) cholesterol</b>	<30 mg/dL		<30 mg/dL
<b>VLDL triglycerides</b>	<90 mg/dL		<120 mg/dL
<b>Beta VLDL cholesterol</b>	<15 mg/dL		<15 mg/dL

<b>Beta VLDL triglycerides</b>	<15 mg/dL	<15 mg/dL
<b>Chylomicron cholesterol</b>	Undetectable	Undetectable
<b>Chylomicron triglycerides</b>	Undetectable	Undetectable
<b>Lp(a) cholesterol</b>	<5 mg/dL	<5 mg/dL
<b>LpX</b>	Undetectable	Undetectable

Reference values have not been established for patients who are less than 2 years of age.

\*Expert Panel on Integrated Guidelines for Cardiovascular Health and Risk Reduction in Children and Adolescents

\*\*National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP)

\*\*\*National Lipid Association

### Interpretation

Patients with increased lipoprotein a (Lp[a]) cholesterol values have been associated with increased risk for the development of atherothrombotic disease. Aggressive LDL reduction is the recommended treatment approach in most patients with increased Lp(a).

Lipoprotein-X (LpX) is an abnormal lipoprotein that appears in the sera of patients with obstructive jaundice and is an indicator of cholestasis. The presence of LpX will be reported if noted during Lp(a) cholesterol analysis.

### Cautions

Cholesterol results can be falsely decreased in patients with elevated levels of N-acetyl-p-benzoquinone imine (NAPQI), a metabolite of acetaminophen, N-acetylcysteine (NAC), and metamazole.

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## Performance

### Method Description

Electrophoretic separation of lipoproteins followed by lipid staining and densitometry measurement.(Package insert: SPIFE Vis Cholesterol Reagent. Helena Laboratories; 09/2015)

#### Cholesterol:

Cholesterol esters are cleaved by the action of cholesterol esterase to yield free cholesterol and fatty acids. Cholesterol oxidase then catalyzes the oxidation of cholesterol to cholest-4-en-3-one and hydrogen peroxide. In the presence of peroxidase, the hydrogen peroxide formed effects the oxidative coupling of phenol and 4-aminophenazone to form a red quinone-imine dye. The color intensity of the dye formed is directly proportional to the cholesterol concentration. It is determined by measuring the increase in absorbance (Package insert: Roche Cholesterol Gen2 Reagent. Roche Diagnostics; V 13.0, 02/2019)

#### Triglyceride:

Samples analyzed for triglycerides are measured by an automated enzymatic method. The chemistry includes hydrolysis of the triglycerides and phosphorylation of the resulting glycerol.(Package insert: Roche Triglycerides Reagent, Roche Diagnostics; 11/2017)

**Apolipoprotein B:**

Anti-apolipoprotein B antibodies react with the antigen in the sample to form antigen:antibody complexes, which, following agglutination, can be measured turbidimetrically. (Package insert: Tina-quant Apolipoprotein B. Roche Diagnostics; 07/2020)

**High-Density Lipoprotein:**

Serum is combined with dextran sulfate and magnesium, ions precipitate the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and very-low-density lipoprotein (VLDL) fractions, leaving the high-density lipoprotein (HDL) fraction in solution. The HDL cholesterol is then determined using an enzymatic cholesterol assay. (Package insert: HDL Cholesterol Precipitating Reagent Set (Dextran Sulfate). Pointe Scientific, INC; 12/2009)

**PDF Report**

No

**Specimen Retention Time**

14 days

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Rochester

**Fees & Codes****Test Classification**

This test has been modified from the manufacturer's instructions. Its performance characteristics were determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. This test has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

**CPT Code Information**

80061-Lipid panel (includes: HDL [CPT Code 83718], total cholesterol [CPT Code 82465], and triglycerides [CPT Code 84478])

82172-Apolipoprotein B

83700-Lp(a) cholesterol electrophoresis

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
LMPP	Lipoprotein Metabolism Profile	In Process

Result ID	Reporting Name	LOINC®
TCS	Cholesterol, Total, CDC, S	2093-3
HDLS	HDL Cholesterol, CDC, S	2085-9
TRIGC	Triglycerides, CDC, S	2571-8
APLBS	Apolipoprotein B, S	1884-6
2839	LDL Cholesterol	2089-1
2840	LDL Triglycerides	3046-0
2844	VLDL cholesterol	2091-7
2847	VLDL triglycerides	3047-8
2842	Beta VLDL Cholesterol	66499-5
2843	Beta VLDL triglycerides	3045-2
2855	Chylomicron cholesterol	34467-1
2856	Chylomicron triglycerides	35363-1
2849	Lp(a) Cholesterol	35388-8
23924	LpX	42178-4
23937	Interpretation	59462-2