

# **Test Definition: DCP**

Des-Gamma-Carboxy Prothrombin, Serum

Reporting Title: Des-Gamma-Carboxy Prothrombin, S

Performing Location: Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

## **Ordering Guidance:**

For diagnostic use, this test is most cost-effective for at-risk patients with normal levels of total and L3 alpha fetoprotein in serum. For more information see L3AFP / Alpha-Fetoprotein (AFP) L3% and Total, Hepatocellular Carcinoma Tumor Marker, Serum.

# **Specimen Requirements:**

**Collection Container/Tube:** 

**Preferred:** Serum gel **Acceptable:** Red top

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

#### Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

-Oncology Test Request (T729)

-Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request (T728)

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Frozen (preferred)	90 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	
	Refrigerated	7 days	

#### **Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Туре	Unit	LOINC®
DCP	Des-Gamma-Carboxy Prothrombin, S	Numeric	ng/mL	34444-0

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

## **Supplemental Report:**

No

#### **CPT Code Information:**

83951

## **Reference Values:**

<7.5 ng/mL