

Reporting Title: Mercury, 24 Hr, U

Performing Location: Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

Necessary Information:

24-Hour volume (in milliliters) is required.

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation: High concentrations of gadolinium and iodine are known to potentially interfere with most inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry-based metal tests. If either gadolinium- or iodine-containing contrast media has been administered, **a specimen should not be collected for 96 hours.**

Supplies: Urine Tubes, 10 mL (T068)

Collection Container/Tube: Clean, plastic urine container with no metal cap or glued insert

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic, 10-mL urine tube or a clean, plastic aliquot container with no metal cap or glued insert

Specimen Volume: 3 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. Collect urine for 24 hours.
2. Refrigerate specimen within 4 hours of completion of 24-hour collection.
3. See [Metals Analysis Specimen Collection and Transport](#) for complete instructions.

Additional Information: See [Urine Preservatives-Collection and Transportation for 24-Hour Urine Specimens](#) for multiple collections.

Urine Preservative Collection Options:

Note: The addition of preservative or application of temperature controls **must occur within 4 hours of completion** of the collection.

Ambient (no additive)	No
Refrigerate (no additive)	Preferred
Frozen (no additive)	OK
50% Acetic Acid	OK
Boric Acid	No
Diazolidinyl Urea	No
6M Hydrochloric Acid	OK
6M Nitric Acid	OK
Sodium Carbonate	No
Thymol	No
Toluene	No

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

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
HGU	TM5	Collection Duration (h)	Plain Text	Yes
HGU	VL3	Volume (mL)	Plain Text	Yes

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
8592	Mercury, 24 Hr, U	Numeric	mcg/24 h	6693-6
TM5	Collection Duration (h)	Alphanumeric		13362-9
VL3	Volume (mL)	Alphanumeric		3167-4

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Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

83825

Reference Values:

0-17 years: Not established

> or =18 years: <2 mcg/24 h

Toxic concentration: >50 mcg/24 h

The concentration at which toxicity is expressed is widely variable between patients. The lowest concentration at which toxicity is usually apparent is 50 mcg/24 h.