

Overview**Useful For**

Confirm the diagnosis of carotenoderma; detect fat malabsorption; depressed carotene levels may be found in cases of steatorrhea.

Method Name

High-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen**Specimen Type**

Serum

Specimen Required

Supplies: Amber vial (T192)

Specimen Type: Serum

Container/Tube: Red

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a plain, red-top tube(s). (Serum gel tube is acceptable.)

Spin Down and send 1 mL of serum ambient in an amber vial (T192) to protect from light.

Note:

1. Protect from light within 1 hour of collection.
2. Patient must be fasting overnight (12 hours).
3. Abstain from alcohol for 24 hours prior to collection.

Specimen Minimum Volume

0.5 mL

Reject Due To

Hemolysis:	Mild reject; Gross reject
Thawing:	Warm OK; Cold OK
Lipemia:	NA
Icterus:	NA
Other:	Specimen other than serum Red or SST, or if not light protected.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Ambient (preferred)	14 days	LIGHT PROTECTED
	Frozen	14 days	LIGHT PROTECTED
	Refrigerated	14 days	LIGHT PROTECTED

Clinical and Interpretive**Reference Values**

3 - 91 ug/dL

Interpretation

High levels are useful to rule out steatorrhea but lower values lack specificity. There is poor sensitivity. High in the serum of those ingesting large amounts of vegetables.

Performance**PDF Report**

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Report Available

2 to 11 days

Performing Laboratory Location

LabCorp Burlington

Fees and Codes**Fees**

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their Regional Manager. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

CPT Code Information

82380

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Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
FCARO	Carotene, Beta	2053-7

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC Value
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