Overview

Method Name
Direct Radioimmunoassay (RIA)

NY State Available
No

Specimen

Specimen Type
Serum

Specimen Required
Draw blood in a plain, red-top or a serum gel tube(s). Separate immediately and send 3 mL of serum frozen in a plastic vial.

Note:
1. Indicate serum on request form.
2. Label specimen appropriately (serum).

Patient preparation:
1. The patient should fast for 10 to 12 hours prior to collection.
2. Medications that affect pancreatic activity should be discontinued, if possible, for at least 48 hours prior to collection of specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume
1 mL

Reject Due To

| Specimens other than Serum | Anticoagulants other than NA | Hemolysis Mild reject; Gross reject | Lipemia Mild reject; Gross reject | Icteric NA |

Specimen Stability Information

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Clinical and Interpretive
Clinical Information

Serum Elastase, also called Pancreatopeptidase, is a protease present in pancreatic secretion with the unique ability to rapidly hydrolyze elastin. Elastin is a fibrillar protein found in connective tissue. Elastin forms the elastic fibers found mostly in lungs and skin. Elastase is able to hydrolyze denatured hemoglobin, casein, fibrin, albumin and denatured but not native collagen. Elastase has been implicated in the pathogenesis of pulmonary emphysema, atherosclerosis and in the vascular injury of acute pancreatic necrosis. Elastase activity is inhibited by protease inhibitors including a1-Anti-Trypsin, a1-anti-Chymotrypsin, anti-Thrombin III, a2-Macroglobulin and b1-anti-Collagenase. Patients with thyroid dysfunction have decreased Elastase activity. Serum pancreatic levels quantify EL 1 for the diagnosis or exclusion of an acute pancreatitis or an inflammatory episode of chronic pancreatitis or gallstone induced pancreatitis.

Reference Values

Adult Reference Ranges:

Normal pancreatic exocrine function:

Less than 3.5 ng/mL

No pediatric reference ranges available for this test.

Performance

PDF Report

No

Day(s) and Time(s) Test Performed

Monday through Friday

Analytic Time

10 - 14 days

Maximum Laboratory Time

12 - 16 days

Performing Laboratory Location

Inter Science Institute

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

83519

LOINC® Information
### Test Definition: FELAS
Elastase (Pancreatic Elastase 1), S

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