Test Definition: FENS

Fentanyl Screen, Random, Urine

Overview

Useful For
Screening for drug abuse or use involving fentanyl

Method Name
Immunoassay

NY State Available
Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type
Urine

Ordering Guidance
For situations where chain of custody is required, a Chain of Custody Kit (T282) is available. For chain-of-custody testing, order FENTX / Fentanyl with Metabolite Confirmation, Chain of Custody, Random, Urine.

For monitoring therapeutic drug levels, order FENTS / Fentanyl, Serum.

Additional Testing Requirements
If urine creatinine is required or adulteration of the sample is suspected, the following test should also be ordered, ADULT / Adulterants Survey, Random, Urine.

Specimen Required
Supplies: Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)
Collection Container/Tube: Clean, plastic urine collection container
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic, 5-mL tube
Specimen Volume: 2 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. Collect a random urine specimen.
2. No preservative.

Forms
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Therapeutics Test Request (T831) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume
0.5 mL

Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Urine	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	
	Frozen	14 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

This test uses immunoassay reagents that are designed to produce a negative result when no drugs are present in a natural (ie, unadulterated) specimen of urine; the assay is designed to have a high true-negative rate. Like all immunoassays, it can have a false-positive rate due to cross-reactivity with natural chemicals and drugs other than those they were designed to detect. The immunoassay also has a false-negative rate due to the antibody's ability to cross react with different drugs in the class being screened.

Reference Values

Negative
Screening cutoff concentration: 5 ng/mL

Interpretation

This assay only provides a preliminary analytical test result. A more specific alternative method (ie, liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry) must be used to obtain a confirmed analytical result.

Cautions

Care should be taken when interpreting results since there are many factors (eg, fluid intake and other biologic factors) that may influence a urine test result. It is possible that substances other than those investigated in the specificity study may interfere with the test and cause false-positive or false-negative results.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

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This assay is a homogeneous enzyme immunoassay technique and is performed semi-quantitatively. The assay is based on competition between free drug in the urine sample and a drug labeled with the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase for a fixed amount of specific antibody binding sites. Active enzyme converts nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD[+]) to NADH, which results in an absorbance change that can be measured spectrophotometrically at 340 nm.(Package insert: Fentanyl II Enzyme Immunoassay. Roche [LIN-ZHI]; V 1.0, 09/2025)

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Monday through Saturday

Report Available
Same day/1 to 2 days

Specimen Retention Time
14 days

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

Fees & 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 account representative. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

Test Classification
This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

CPT Code Information
80307

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
FENS	Fentanyl Screen, U	59673-4

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
63060	Fentanyl Screen, U	59673-4