

Notification Date: October 28, 2025 Effective Date: December 2, 2025

Porphyrins, Quantitative, Random, Urine

Test ID: PQNRU

Explanation: The reference value will be updated due to a conversion to alternative units of measure (mmol/mol Cr). An additional CPT code and collection requirements now apply. The test now includes aminolevulinic acid, with new resultable codes.

Current Reference Value

Uroporphyrins, Octacarboxyl:

< or =30 nmol/L

Heptacarboxylporphyrins:

< or =7 nmol/L

Hexacarboxylporphyrins:

< or =2 nmol/L

Pentacarboxyporphyrins:

< or =5 nmol/L

Copropprphyrin, Tetracboxyl:

< or =110 nmol/L

Porphobilinogen:

< or = 1.3 mcmol/L

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Uroporphyrins, Octacarboxyl: < or 3.1 mcmol/mol creatinine

Heptacarboxylporphyrins:

< or =0.9 mcmol/mol creatinine

Hexacarboxylporphyrins:

< or =0.3 mcmol/mol creainine

Pentacarboxyporphyrins:

< or =1.2 mcmol/mol creatinine

Coproporphyrin, Tetra::

< or =25.0 mcmol/mol creatinine

Porphobilinogen:

< or =0.2 mmol/mol creatinine

Aminolevulinic Acid

< or = 2.3 mmol/mol creatinine

Current Result Codes			
Result ID	Reporting Name		
32332	Uroporphyrin, Octa		
32333	Heptacarboxylporphyrins		
32334	Hexacarboxylporphyrins		
32335	Pentacarboxylporphyrins		
32336	Coproporphyrin, Tetra		
32337	Porphobilinogen		
32338	Interpretation		

New Re	New Result Codes			
Result ID	Reporting Name			
32332	Uroporphyrin, Octa			
32333	Heptacarboxylporphyrins			
32334	Hexacarboxylporphyrins			
32335	Pentacarboxylporphyrins			
32336	Coproporphyrin, Tetra			
32337	Porphobilinogen			
623039	Aminolevulinic Acid, U			
32338	Interpretation			
623040	Reviewed By			

Current Genetics Information

This test is preferred test during symptomatic periods for acute intermittent porphyria, hereditary coproporphyria, and variegate porphyria. The random urine collection for this test allows for the diagnosis to be established and treatment to be initiated quickly. However, this test should only be ordered when the specimen will be received at Mayo Clinic Laboratories within 72 hours of collection. If it will be longer, PQNU / Porphyrins, Quantitative, 24 Hour, Urine should be ordered and collection guidelines must be followed.

Testing includes porphobilinogen which is useful in the evaluation of the acute porphyrias.

This is the preferred test to begin assessment for congenital erythropoietic porphyria and porphyria cutanea tarda

Current Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: Patient should not consume any alcohol for the 24 hours before specimen collection.

Supplies: Urine Container - Amber, 60 mL (T596)

Container/Tube: Amber, 60-mL urine container

Specimen Volume: 20 to 50 mL

Collection Instructions: Collect a random urine

specimen.

Current CPT Code

84110-Porphobilinogen, quantitative 84120-Porphyrins, quantitation and fractionation

New Genetics Information

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Testing includes porphobilinogen and aminolevulinic acid, which are useful in the evaluation of the acute porphyrias.

This is the preferred test to begin assessment for congenital erythropoietic porphyria and porphyria cutanea tarda.

New Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: Patient **must not** consume any alcohol for at least 24 hours before specimen collection.

Supplies: Urine Container - Amber, 60 mL (T596)

Container/Tube: Amber, 60-mL urine container

Specimen Volume: 20 to 50 mL

Collection Instructions:

- 1. Collect a random urine specimen.
- 2. No preservative necessary but pH must be above 5.0. If pH is below 5.0, specimen will be rejected.
- 3. Specimens should be protected from light and frozen immediately following collection.

New CPT Code

84110-Porphobilinogen, quantitative 84120-Porphyrins, quantitation and fractionation 82135- ALA Delta Random Urine

Questions

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