

Notification Date: December 2, 2025 Effective Date: December 16, 2025

Oxycodone and Metabolites, Serum

Test ID: OXYDS

Useful for:

Monitoring therapeutic efficacy/compliance in serum specimens of patients who are prescribed oxycodone and/or oxymorphone

Detection and quantification of oxycodone, oxymorphone, noroxycodone, and noroxymorphone in serum

Method:

Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS)

Reference Values:

Therapeutic range/Metabolite information (as applicable):

Oxycodone: 10-100 ng/mL

Noroxycodone: Metabolite of oxycodone

Oxymorphone: Metabolite of oxycodone; 1.0-8.0 ng/mL when used as sole therapy

Noroxymorphone: Metabolite of oxymorphone

Cutoff concentrations:
Oxycodone: 1.0 ng/mL
Noroxycodone: 1.0 ng/mL
Oxymorphone: 1.0 ng/mL
Noroxymorphone: 1.0 ng/mL

Specimen Requirements:

Supplies: Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)

Collection Container/Tube: Red top (Serum gel/SST are not acceptable)

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 1 mL serum

Specimen Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL serum

Collection Instructions: Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Serum Red	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days
	Ambient	24 hours
	Frozen	28 days

Cautions:

Any aberrant result should be discussed with the patient and could be confirmed by re-testing or using an alternative matrix (eg, urine).

CPT Code:

G0480

80365 (if appropriate for select payers)

Clinical Toxicology CPT Code Client Guidance

Day(s) Performed: Wednesday Report Available: 2 to 9 days

Note:

The following referral test code will become obsolete.

Test Name	Test ID	Referral Lab Code	Referral Lab
Oxycodone - Free (Unconjugated), Serum	FOXFU	3270SP	NMS Labs

Questions

Contact Brandon DeBoom, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.