PORPHYRIN SCREEN, PLASMA

Orderable – PORPSCRN

Turn Around Time: 10 days

Alternate Name(s):
Variegate Porphyria

Specimen:

Adult or Pediatric:
2 x 4 mL Lavender (EDTA) top Vacutainer tubes

Red, Gold, or Light Green (Li-heparin) top tubes are NOT acceptable.

Collection Information:

Collect blood in a foil-covered tube to protect from light. Avoid hemolysis. Minimum volume of plasma required is 2 mL for adult or pediatric samples.

Reference Ranges:
Negative

Special Processing:

After centrifugation, transfer at least 2 mL of plasma to a light-protected tube. Store and ship plasma frozen.

Comments:

The plasma porphyria screen is a sensitive test for variegate porphyria and may also be helpful to diagnose and differentiate between other forms of porphyria.

Storage and Shipment:
Keep plasma protected from light. Store and ship plasma frozen.