

NORTRIPTYLINE,
SERUM/
PLASMA

Orderable - NORT

Turnaround Time: 7 days

Alternate Name(s):

Amitriptyline (*metabolite*)
Aventyl

Specimen:

6 mL Red top Vacutainer tube

Lavender or Pink (EDTA) top tubes are also acceptable

**Avoid blood collection tubes with separator gels (e.g., Gold top).
Light Green (Li-Heparin) top tubes are also NOT acceptable.**

Collection Information:

Minimum volume of serum or EDTA plasma required is 3 mL.

To monitor therapy, draw trough level specimen prior to morning dose or 10 -12 hours after last drug administration.

Separate and freeze as soon as possible

Reference Ranges:

Nortriptyline:	70-170 ng/mL
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Critical Value:

Toxic:

Nortriptyline:	> 300 ng/mL
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Storage and Shipment:

Send frozen samples ASAP.



Laboratory:
Core Lab



Requisition:
GENERAL LABORATORY
REQUISITION



Method of Analysis:
LC-MS/MS



Test Schedule:
Referred out Monday -
Thursday



Referred Out Location:
[In-Common Laboratories](#)

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Specimen Stability:

Ambient: 5 days

Refrigerated: 2 weeks

Frozen: 6 months