

Complement C3 (C3)

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TEST OVERVIEW

Test Name	Complement C3
Test Code	C3
Short Description	Complement C3

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Category	Biochemistry
TAT	Main Lab: 6 Hour(s) Family Site: <8hrs, <6hrs
Specimen(s)	1 x Venous blood - 5 mL Tube - Gold - SST-Serum Separator Tube

SPECIMEN(S)

SST-Serum Separator Tube

Specimen Type	SST-Serum Separator Tube
Specimen Format	Tube
Specimen Colour	Gold
Specimen Volume	5 mL
Sampling Order	2
Origin	Venous blood
Collection time after baseline	-
Transport Temperature	15-25°C
Accepted Other Specimens	Lithium Heparin Plasma Sodium Heparin Plasma Serum

TAT

EDTA Plasma
Main Lab: 6 Hour(s)
Family Site: <8hrs, <6hrs

Test Stability

Room Temp: 3 Day(s)
2–8°C: 3 Day(s)

CLINICAL INFORMATION

Complement C3

Methodology	-
Specimen Type	SST-Serum Separator Tube
Delay before pre-treatment	2
Transport Temperature	15-25°C
Transport Stability at room temp	3 Day
Transport Stability at 2–8°C	3 Day
Haemolysis interference	<input type="button" value="No"/>

Clinical Interest

The **complement system** is an essential part of the immune system, playing a crucial role in the body's defence against infection.

High levels of C3 may indicate acute inflammatory or infectious conditions, while low levels may be associated with excessive complement consumption due to chronic inflammatory or autoimmune processes, or congenital deficiencies.

PATIENT INFORMATION

Clinical Information Required	-
Patient Collection Notes	-

COMMENTS & NOTES

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