

**Complement C3, Serum**

Order Name: **C3**  
 Test Number: 5000300  
 Revision Date: 02/26/2018

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Complement C3, Serum	Turbidometric	4485-9

**SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS**

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	<b>1.5 mL (1 mL)</b>	<b>Serum</b>	<b>Clot Activator SST</b>	<b>Refrigerated or Frozen</b>
Alternate 1	<b>1.5 mL (1 mL)</b>	<b>Serum</b>	<b>Clot Activator (Red Top, No-Gel)</b>	<b>Refrigerated or Frozen</b>
Instructions	<b>Separate serum from cells within one hour of collection.</b> Stability: Room Temperature N/A, Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 8 days. <b>If ordering C3 with CH50, Please Collect a Red No-Gel Clot tube, freeze two separate individual aliquots for C3 and CH50.</b> (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles).			

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Testing Schedule	Mon - Sat
Expected TAT	3 Days
Clinical Use	Low levels may occur during infections, exacerbation of SLE and glomerulonephritis. Undetectable level suggests C3 deficiency.
CPT Code(s)	86160
Service Provided By	 <b>labcorp</b> Oklahoma, Inc.