

WASHED ERYTHROCYTE SPECIMENS

EXPLANATION: In an effort to streamline collection, processing and reporting of testing, Mayo Medical Laboratories will no longer accept washed erythrocytes for the following tests:

- Galactokinase, Blood, #8628
- Uroporphyrinogen III Synthase, Erythrocytes, #80288
- Uroporphyrinogen Decarboxylase, Erythrocytes, #8599
- Acetylcholinesterase, Erythrocytes, #8522

SPECIMEN REQUIRED: Draw blood in a green-top (heparin) tube(s) from a fasting patient (4 hour preferred, non-fasting acceptable), and send 5 mL of heparinized whole blood refrigerated. **Specimen cannot be frozen.**

Stability requirements are specific for each test. Mayo Medical Laboratories must receive the specimen within the time constraints listed below. (Please note stabilities in the chart.)

Test Name and Code	Stability
Galactokinase, Blood #8628	48 hours from draw
Uroporphyrinogen III Synthase, Erythrocytes #80288	48 hours from draw
Uroporphyrinogen Decarboxylase, Erythrocytes #8599	48 hours from draw
Acetylcholinesterase, Erythrocytes #8522	72 hours from draw

NOTE: Fees and CPT coding will not change with this update.

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager or Sara Siewert, Mayo Medical Laboratories' Technologist Support
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