

## TEST CHANGE

## Copper, Urine

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#### Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:	Diet, medication, and nutritional supplements may introduce interfering substances. Patients should be encouraged to discontinue nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, and nonessential over-the-counter medications (upon the advice of their physician). Collection from patients receiving iodinated or gadolinium-based contrast media must be avoided for a minimum of 72 hours <b>post exposure</b> . Collection from patients with impaired kidney function should be avoided for a minimum of 14 days <b>post contrast</b> media exposure.
Collect:	24-hour urine. Refrigerate during collection. Specimen must be collected in a plastic container. Also acceptable: Random urine.
Specimen Preparation:	Transfer an 8 mL aliquot from a well-mixed collection to ARUP Trace Element-Free Transport Tubes (ARUP supply #43116). Available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at 800-522-2787. (Min: 1 mL)
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated. Also acceptable: Room temperature or frozen.
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens collected within 72 hours after administration of iodinated or gadolinium-based contrast media. Acid preserved urine. Specimens transported in containers other than specified. Specimens contaminated with blood or fecal material.
Remarks:	Record total volume and collection time interval on transport tube and on test request form.
Stability:	Ambient: 1 week; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year
Methodology:	Quantitative Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)
Note:	High concentrations of iodine or gadolinium may interfere with elemental testing.
CPT Codes:	82525
New York DOH Approval Status:	This test is New York DOH approved.
Interpretive Data:	Individuals with symptomatic Wilson disease usually excrete more than 100 <b>ug/g</b> copper per day. Other conditions associated with elevated urine copper include cholestatic liver disease, proteinuria, <u>and</u> some medications, <u>and</u> contaminated specimens.
Additional Information:	Although random specimens may contain diagnostic information, a 24-hour collection is a more accurate measure of copper excretion.

consistent indicator of [urine\\_copper](#).

Elevated results may be due to skin or collection-related contamination, including the use of collection containers that are not certified to be trace element-free. If an elevated result is suspected to be due to contamination, confirmation with a second specimen collected in a certified trace element-free container is recommended.

Methodology: Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)

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Per 24h calculations are provided to aid interpretation for collections with a duration of 24 hours and an average daily urine volume. For specimens with notable deviations in collection time or volume, ratios of analytes to a corresponding urine creatinine concentration may assist in result interpretation.

Reference Interval:

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	Copper, Urine - per 24h	3.0-45.0 microg/d																							
	Copper, Urine - per volume	Less than or equal to 3.2 microg/dL																							
	Copper, Urine - ratio to CRT	10.0-45.0 microg/g CRT																							
	Creatinine, Urine - per 24h	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Age</th><th>Male (mg/d)</th><th>Female (mg/d)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>3-8 years</td><td>140-700</td><td>140-700</td></tr><tr><td>9-12 years</td><td>300-1300</td><td>300-1300</td></tr><tr><td>13-17 years</td><td>500-2300</td><td>400-1600</td></tr><tr><td>18-50 years</td><td>1000-2500</td><td>700-1600</td></tr><tr><td>51-80 years</td><td>800-2100</td><td>500-1400</td></tr><tr><td>81 years and older</td><td>600-2000</td><td>400-1300</td></tr></tbody></table>			Age	Male (mg/d)	Female (mg/d)	3-8 years	140-700	140-700	9-12 years	300-1300	300-1300	13-17 years	500-2300	400-1600	18-50 years	1000-2500	700-1600	51-80 years	800-2100	500-1400	81 years and older	600-2000	400-1300
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