

TEST CHANGE

Escitalopram Quantitative, Serum or Plasma

0092382, ESCITALO

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: Plain red, lavender (K2EDTA), or pink (K2EDTA).

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP standard transport tube. (Min: 0.4 mL)
Test is not performed at ARUP; separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated. Also acceptable: Room temperature or frozen.

Unacceptable Conditions: ~~Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST) Separator tubes.~~

Remarks:

Stability: Ambient: 1 month; Refrigerated: 1 month; Frozen: ~~1 month~~ 7 months

Methodology: Qualitative High Performance Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry

Note: ~~Test is not chiral specific. Patients who have taken racemic citalopram (Celexa), as opposed to escitalopram (Lexapro), within the past 3 days may have falsely elevated values.~~

CPT Codes: 80332 ~~(Alt code: G0480)~~

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Reference Interval:

~~Refer to~~ By report