

Catecholamine Fractionation, Free, Plasma Testing Down

Effective 4/13/23, Mayo Medical Laboratory's Catecholamine Fractionation, Free, Plasma testing will be **down** due to instrument issues. Per Mayo, "The recommended alternative test is considered the gold standard testing for the diagnosis and follow up of pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas."

Notable difference: The recommended alternative test requires a **different collection tube** than CATP. Samples received in Catecholamine tubes after the effective date cannot be tested.

Testing to be down:

Orderable to be Inactivated temporarily	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Test ID	Order LOINC	CPT Code(s)
Catecholamine Fractionation, Free, Plasma	LAB870	CATE	CATP	34551-2	82384

Recommended Alternative testing:

Orderable Test Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Test ID	Order LOINC	CPT Code(s)
Metanephrines Fractionated, Free, P.	LAB2394	PMET	PMET	57772-6	83835
Specimen Container	Specimen	Temperature	Collect Vol	Submit Vol	Min Vol
Lavender Top (EDTA)	Plasma EDTA	Frozen	2 mL	1 mL	0.3 mL
Collection Instructions					
Centrifuge and aliquot plasma into a plastic vial within 2 hours of collection.					
Use of Epi-pen within the last 7 days may produce inaccurate results.					
Stability: 14 days					

For questions or concerns, please contact UVMHC Lab Outreach at laboutreach@uvmhealth.org.

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