

## Elastase, Pancreatic, Serum

**Explanation:** The following new orderable, referred to Inter Science Institute, is available immediately.

**Test ID:** FPCEL

**Methods:**

Direct radioimmunoassay (RIA)

**Reference Values:**

Normal pancreatic exocrine function: Less than 3.5 ng/mL

No pediatric reference ranges available for this test.

**Specimen Requirements:**

**Patient Preparation:** The patient should fast for 10 to 12 hours prior to collection of specimen. Medications that affect pancreatic activity should be discontinued, if possible, for at least 48 hours prior to collection of specimen.

**Collection Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Red top

**Acceptable:** Serum gel

**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

**Specimen Volume:** 3 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Draw blood in a plain, red-top or a serum gel tube(s).
2. Centrifuge as soon as possible, aliquot 3 mL of serum into a plastic vial, and freeze immediately.
3. Send frozen.

**Specimen Minimum Volume:** 1 mL

**Specimen Stability Information:**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Serum	Frozen (preferred)	365 days
	Ambient	72 hours
	Refrigerated	7 days

**Fee:**  
\$260.00

**CPT Code:**  
83519

**Day(s) Setup:**  
Monday through Friday

**Report Available:**  
12 to 14 days

**Questions:**  
Contact MCL Referrals Supervisor, Amy Bluhm, at 800-533-1710.