Test Definition: RAT11

Oxalate/Creatinine Ratio, Urine

Overview

Useful For

Calculating the oxalate concentration per creatinine

Method Name

Only orderable as part of a profile. For more information see ROXUR / Oxalate, Random, Urine.

Calculation

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Urine

Specimen Required

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Specimen Minimum Volume

1 mL

Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Urine	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	
	Frozen	14 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Oxalate is an end product of glyoxalate and glycerate metabolism. Humans have no enzyme capable of degrading oxalate so it must be eliminated by the kidney.

In tubular fluid, oxalate can combine with calcium to form calcium oxalate stones. In addition, high concentrations of oxalate may be toxic for renal cells.

Increased urinary oxalate excretion results from inherited enzyme deficiencies (primary hyperoxaluria), gastrointestinal disorders associated with fat malabsorption (secondary hyperoxaluria), or increased oral intake of oxalate-rich foods or vitamin C.

Since increased urinary oxalate excretion promotes calcium oxalate stone formation, various strategies are employed to lower oxalate excretion.

Reference Values

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No established reference values.

Interpretation

An elevated urine oxalate (>0.46 mmol/day) may suggest disease states such as secondary hyperoxaluria (fat malabsorption), primary hyperoxaluria (alanine glyoxalate transferase enzyme deficiency, glyceric dehydrogenase deficiency), idiopathic hyperoxaluria, or excess dietary oxalate or vitamin C intake.

In stone-forming patients high urinary oxalate values, sometimes even in the upper limit of the normal range, are treated to reduce the risk of stone formation.

The urinary oxalate creatinine ratio varies widely in young children from <0.35 mmol/mL at birth to <0.15 mmol/mL at 1 year to <0.10 mmol/mL at 10 years and <0.05 mmol/mL at 20 years of age (see table below).(1)

Oxalate/Creatinine (mg/mg)	
Age (year)	**95th Percentile**
0-0.5	<0.175
0.5-1	<0.139
1-2	<0.103
2-3	<0.08
3-5	<0.064
5-7	<0.056
7-17	<0.048

Cautions

Ingestion of ascorbic acid (>2 g/day) may falsely elevate the measured urinary oxalate excretion.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description
This test calculates the oxalate concentration per creatinine. This calculation is performed in Soft.

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Monday through Saturday

Report Available
3 days

Specimen Retention Time
7 days

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

Fees & Codes

Fees
- Authorized users can sign in to Test Prices for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact Customer Service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

Test Classification
Not Applicable

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
RAT11	Oxalate/Creatinine Ratio	13483-3

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
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