

## Overview

### Method Name

Headspace Gas Chromatography/Flame Ionization Detection (GC-FID)

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

WB Sodium Heparin

### Specimen Required

Draw blood in a green-top (sodium heparin) tube(s) and send 20 mL in two tubes of sodium heparin whole blood refrigerated. Blood should be drawn at end of shift. Tubes should be filled to prevent loss of volatile compound into headspace.

### Specimen Minimum Volume

2.5 mL (in two tubes)

### Reject Due To

Hemolysis	NA
Lipemia	NA
Icterus	NA
Other	NA

### Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
WB Sodium Heparin	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Frozen	365 days	

## Clinical & Interpretive

### Reference Values

Units: mg/L

Normal (unexposed population):

None detected

**Exposed (end-of-shift):**

Blood benzene concentrations of greater than 0.1 mg/L correlate with exposure to greater than 10 ppm benzene in air.

**Toxic:**

Blood benzene concentrations greater than 0.90 mg/L have been observed in fatal cases of benzene exposure.

**Performance****PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Sunday

**Report Available**

7 to 11 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

2 weeks

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Medtox Laboratories, Inc.

**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](#).

**CPT Code Information**

84600

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
FBEN	Benzene, Blood	9330-2

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
Z1153	Benzene	9330-2