

DESIPRAMINE,  
SERUM/  
PLASMA

## Orderable - DESIP

Turnaround Time: 7 days

### Alternate Name(s):

Norpramine  
Pertofone

### Specimen:

6 mL Red top Vacutainer tube

Lavender or Pink (EDTA) top tubes are also acceptable

**Avoid blood collection tubes with separator gels (e.g., Gold top).  
Light Green (Li-Heparin) top tubes are also NOT acceptable.**



**Laboratory:**  
Core Lab



**Requisition:**  
GENERAL LABORATORY  
REQUISITION



**Method of Analysis:**  
LC-MS/MS



**Test Schedule:**  
Referred out Monday-  
Thursday



**Referred Out Location:**  
[In-Common Laboratories](#)

### Collection Information:

Minimum volume required is 3 mL.

To monitor therapy, draw trough level specimen prior to morning dose or 10 - 12 hours after last drug administration.

Separate and freeze as soon as possible.

### Reference Ranges:

Desipramine	100-300 ng/mL
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### Critical Value:

**Toxic:**

Desipramine	> 400 ng/mL
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### Interpretive Comments:

Desipramine is also the metabolite of Imipramine, and is measured routinely when Imipramine is prescribed.