

**Medical Genetics**  
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**Test: Complement 3**

***Purpose of Test:*** To serve as an aid in the diagnosis of several conditions including recurrent infections, systemic lupus erythematosus and glomerulo-nephritis.

**Specimen Required:** Please provide indications and ICD-9 codes for testing on our referral form with each specimen. Accurate testing and interpretation may otherwise be compromised.

**Peripheral Blood**

A peripheral blood sample should be collected by venepuncture (red top tube), allowed to clot naturally and the serum separated as soon as possible to prevent hemolysis. The serum may be stored up to 48 hours in a refrigerator at 2-8°C prior to the assay, or for prolonged storage kept at -20°C.

**Average Turn around Time:** 48 hours

**CPT Code Information:**

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