

## Carotene

Order Name: **CAROTENE**  
Test Number: 3600653  
Revision Date: 12/06/2022

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Carotene	High Performance Liquid Chromatography	2053-7

### SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	<b>0.7 mL (0.4 mL)</b>	<b>Serum</b>	<b>Clot Activator SST</b>	<b>Room Temperature</b>
<b>Instructions</b>	<p><b>Notes:</b> 0.4 mL (Note: This volume Does NOT allow for repeat testing.)  <b>Specimen Type:</b> Gel-barrier tube; amber plastic transport tube with amber top. (If amber tubes are unavailable, cover standard transport tube completely, top and bottom, with aluminum foil. Identify specimen with patient's name directly on the container AND on the outside of the aluminum foil. Secure with tape.) For amber plastic transport tube and amber-top, order LabCorp item ID 23598.  <b>Container Detail:</b> Protect From Light  <b>Specimen Storage:</b> Room temperature and <b>PROTECT FROM LIGHT</b>.  <b>Specimen Collection:</b> Specimen should be free from hemolysis. <b>PROTECT FROM LIGHT</b>. Transfer specimen to amber plastic transport tube.  <b>Specimen Stability:</b> Ambient: 14 days, Refrigerated: 14 days, Frozen: 14 days</p>			

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Expected TAT</b>	3 - 6 days next day.
<b>Clinical Use</b>	Beta Carotene, a fat soluble nutrient, is a precursor to vitamin A. Deficiencies may lead to vitamin A deficiency. Excessive vitamin A intake may lead to headaches, loss of appetite, nausea and diarrhea, skin changes, and potential birth defects.
<b>Performing Labcorp Test Code</b>	001529
<b>Notes</b>	Labcorp Test Code: 001529
<b>CPT Code(s)</b>	82380
<b>Lab Section</b>	Reference Lab