



TOTAL SERUM COMPLEMENT (CAE)

Synonym(s): Total serum complement, Total complement, CH50, Complement total

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Specimen Required	3 mL plain blood
Storage and Transport	Send blood tube immediately to the laboratory at 2 – 8°C with an ice pack. If unable to send to the laboratory within 4 hours, separate the serum first (the serum may be kept at 2 – 8°C in the refrigerator while awaiting despatch) and then send to the laboratory with an ice pack.
Method	Enzyme Immunoassay
Test Result	Normal values: 60 – 156 CAE Units
Turnaround Time	Range 2 – 7 days
Day(s) Test Set up	Batch tested, once/week

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