

The TmP/GFR is the ratio of the renal tubular maximum reabsorption rate of phosphate (TmP) to glomerular filtration rate (GFR).^{1,2}

You will need the following values to calculate the TmP/GFR. Please note that these should be fasting values.

Urine phosphate (mmol/L)	
Plasma phosphate (mmol/L)	
Plasma creatinine (mmol/L)	
Urine creatinine (mmol/L)	

Calculation

Step 1 (calculate the fractional tubular reabsorption of phosphate)

$$TRP = 1 - \left\{ \left(\frac{\text{urine phosphate}}{\text{plasma phosphate}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{plasma creatinine}}{\text{urine creatinine}} \right) \right\}$$

Step 2 (calculate the TmP/GFR (mmol/L) based on TRP value)

If $TRP \leq 0.86$, $TmP/GFR = TRP \times \text{plasma phosphate}$

Or

If $TRP > 0.86$, $TmP/GFR = 0.3 \times \frac{TRP}{1 - (0.8 \times TRP)} \times \text{plasma phosphate}$

$TmP/GFR \text{ (mmol/L)} =$ _____

Interpretation

Low levels suggest renal phosphate wasting.

Age-related reference ranges for TmP/GFR are given below.²

Paediatric Ranges

Age	Range (mmol/L)
Birth	1.43-3.43
3 months	1.48-3.30
6 months	1.15-2.60
2-15 years	1.15-2.44

1. Manghat P, et al. *Ann Clin Biochem.* 2014;51(6):631-656. 2. Payne RB. *Ann Clin Biochem.* 1998;35:201-206.