

BLOOD SPECIMEN EDTA (PURPLE TOP)

Collection Instructions

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COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

If you are uncertain of the collection procedure after reading these instructions, please contact our Customer Service on 0800 88 44 33 who will clearly explain the procedure.

Before proceeding, please read and follow all instructions carefully. Without taking these precautions your results may be inaccurate, or may result in a possible recollection being required.

IMPORTANT PRE-COLLECTION INFORMATION

- Collect this sample **on a Monday ONLY**.
- It is recommended that you fast for a minimum of 8-10 hours prior to collection.
- Ensure that you are well hydrated with **WATER ONLY** prior to collection.
- Check that the patient information on the request form is correct.
- The test request form that was provided by your healthcare practitioner must be returned with your specimen/s for analyses.

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Thank you for your request. Results will be forwarded to your referring practitioner upon completion. All testing is performed by NutriPATH Pathology.

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Blood Collection Kit

KIT CONTENTS:

Check contents of kit. If items are missing OR you have any questions regarding this kit, please contact Customer Service on 0800 88 44 33.

- 1 or 2 x 4ml EDTA Vacutainer (purple top)
- 1 x Cardboard Transport Cylinder
- 1 x Plastic Transport Container
- 1 x Specimen Transport Bag
- 1 x Collection Instructions
- 1 x Request Form
- 1 x Courier Bag (prepaid)

BLOOD COLLECTION LABORATORIES

Nutrisearch has blood collection arrangements in place with several laboratories throughout NZ (refer to the attached list for locations of collection centres in NZ).

A blood collection fee is payable direct to the laboratory for collection of the specimen – please enquire at the collection laboratory for this cost.

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS **STEP 1:**

1. The patient will go to the nearest pathology collection centre or pathology laboratory (see previous page) to have their blood sample collected.

PATHOLOGY COLLECTOR INSTRUCTIONS **STEPS 2-5:**

2. Confirm the patient has fasted for this test and note it down on the request form.
3. Prior to sample collection, all sample vacutainers must be labelled with
 - **patient first name/surname**
 - **date of birth**
 - **time and date of collection**

4.  The pathology collector should collect ALL of the provided tubes within the NutriPATH kit.
The blood MUST be collected using the tubes provided inside this collection kit.

5. The pathology collector must hand all specimens over to the patient after they have been collected.

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS **STEPS 6-8:**

6. Ensure all Vacutainer lids are screwed on tightly so they do not leak in transit.
Place the Vacutainer(s) into the plastic transport container.
Slide the plastic container into the cardboard tube and close lid.
Place the cardboard tube into the sealed section of the specimen transport bag.
7. Ensure that your test request form has been correctly filled out and all patient information is correctly stated. This includes full patient name, date of birth, residential address and telephone number. Once completed, place into the unsealed section of the specimen transport bag.
8. When your sample is ready to be transported, please email NZ Couriers returnedbooking@nzcouriers.co.nz or phone on 0800 800 841 to arrange pick up. **Please advise this is a medical specimen.** Alternatively, you can drop the package to your nearest agent. (Record the consignment number on the front of the track pack. This is your record to track delivery)