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HOMOCYSTEINE TEST

DESCRIPTION

The homocysteine test consists of a blood test that measures the level of homocysteine in the blood.

WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

Information from this test can also be used in conjunction with other cardiovascular tests for people at high risk for stroke or heart attack. There has been a link between blood clots and elevated homocysteine levels. It has also been noted that people with elevated homocysteine levels may have twice the risk of coronary artery disease compared to those that have normal levels. This could be especially useful for those who have a history of cardiovascular disease but no symptoms. Your doctor may recommend a change in diet to include more foods that include B12 and folate and/or a vitamin supplement.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

Yes. You must fast at least eight (8) hours prior to having your specimen collected.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?

Test results generally take between 24 to 72 business hours after your specimen is collected.

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