

PRE-MEDICATION PrEP PANEL (FEMALE)

WHO SHOULD GET THIS TEST?

This panel is useful for people who are getting ready to start PrEP.

WHY IS THIS TEST IMPORTANT?

Before you start PrEP, it is recommended to have lab testing done. This testing is used to check for HIV and other STDs, assess your kidney and liver health, and screen for pregnancy. These tests will provide a baseline before you start the medication, which can help your healthcare provider monitor your PrEP treatment.

The Pre-Medication PrEP Panel (Female) includes 8 tests:

1. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)- This is a virus that attacks the immune system. If left untreated, HIV can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). Currently, there is no cure for HIV; however, it can be managed with medications that reduce the viral load, or the amount of HIV in the blood.
2. Hepatitis B- Hepatitis B is a viral infection that affects the liver. Many people with hepatitis B do not experience symptoms; when symptoms do occur, they include jaundice, fever, joint pain, dark-colored urine. Medications are available to treat hepatitis B, and there is a vaccine that can protect against hepatitis B.
3. Hepatitis C- Hepatitis C is another viral infection that affects the liver. It is the most common chronic bloodborne infection in the United States. It is curable, and the CDC recommends hepatitis C screening at least once in a lifetime for all adults, and for all women during pregnancy.
4. Syphilis (RPR)- Syphilis is a bacterial infection that can have serious consequences if left untreated. It develops in stages: primary stage, secondary stage, latent stage, and tertiary stage. Symptoms vary with each stage, and it is possible to have syphilis for several years without noticing symptoms.
5. Gonorrhea & Chlamydia- Gonorrhea and chlamydia are the most common bacterial STDs in the United States. They are treatable with antibiotics, but if left untreated, they can lead to serious health issues in the future.
6. Basic Metabolic Panel (BMP) (includes Creatinine with eGFR)- The BMP provides valuable information about your kidney function, electrolytes, and blood sugar.
7. Hepatic Function Panel- This test provides detailed information about your liver health.
8. Beta hCG (Qualitative)- This test is used to detect pregnancy.

OTHER RELEVANT TESTS

If you're interested in this panel, you may also want to consider:

- Comprehensive STD Panel
- Comprehensive STD Platinum Panel
- Annual Check Up Panel
- Comprehensive Female Panel

Website test descriptions and all associated information are provided through Any Lab Test Now and the Product Management Team, in conjunction with the Medical Professionals Committee, and Ekan Essien, MD, Corporate Medical Director.