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# **COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL (CMP) TEST**

#### DESCRIPTION

The Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CMP) includes 14 essential tests that are typically requested by your doctor as part of a routine check-up or annual physical. This panel gives you or your doctor a clearer picture of your overall health. See below for additional details on its test components. Note: This panel requires fasting. Do not eat for 10-12 hours before taking the panel to ensure its accuracy.

- Sodium (Na) Potassium (K), Chloride (C) and Carbon Dioxide (CO2) When tested, irregular values in these "electrolytes" can indicate trouble with your body's salt/water or acid/base balance. Dehydration, vomiting, medications and kidney problems can cause these health issues.
- Albumin (Alb), Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP), and Total, Aspartate Transaminase (AST); and Alanine Transaminase (ALT) These are proteins and enzymes found in the blood. Abnormal levels of any of these tests can indicate liver damage or liver disease.
- Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN), Calcium (Ca), Creatinine (Cr), and Glucose Testing These tests check for a range of problems that affect the kidneys, including kidney disease. These also measure the waste in the blood that may affect kidney filtration.

## WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

This is one of the most common blood tests available and it gives you a tremendous amount of information about your health.

#### **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.

### AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

Yes. Do not eat for 10-12 hours before taking the panel to ensure its accuracy.

#### OTHER RELEVANT LAB TESTS

Most customers who are interested in the CMP decide to upgrade to the Basic Check-Up Panel, a Comprehensive Male Panel or the Comprehensive Female Panel. All of these Value Panels include the Comprehensive Metabolic Panel as well as other important tests.

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