



Welcome To Your Test Kit

You have chosen to do a CardioVascular Risk Profile Test from Nordic Laboratories which will provide information to help you on your personal health journey.

The future of medicine lies in a personalised treatment strategy, based on information relating to your individual biochemistry and genetic inheritance. This test will help you obtain objective data about yourself to aid in the development of a more precise treatment strategy and enable measures to be implemented that will help you attain a higher level of health.

In this kit, you will find all the material needed for your collection. Please read the instructions carefully and follow them step by step. Your test results will be released to your practitioner approximately three weeks after we have received your sample.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need support in understanding the test and instructions, please call our support team on +45 33 75 10 00 or email info@nordic-labs.com

Check Your Kit

Important

Please note that the blood draw procedure for this test needs to be carried out by a doctor or phlebotomist. Please read the Shipping Preparation and Shipping Instruction thoroughly before booking a blood draw appointment.

Shipping Materials

- 1 x Box containing the collection kit (**keep this box for returning your samples**)
- 1 x Styrofoam insulating container (**keep this box for returning your samples**)
- 1 x Gel freezer pack
- 1 x Shipping Instruction
- 1 x Personal Information Form
- 1 x Return shipping bag
- 1 x Return shipping document
- 2 x Pro-forma/Commercial Invoices (**these are only included if you are shipping from a non-EU country**)

Collection Materials

- 1 x Red-top blood collection tube for serum
- 1 x 8ml plastic serum transfer vial with cap
- 1 x Pipette
- 1 x Resealable plastic bag
- 1 x Absorbent pad

If any items are missing or expired, please call +44 (0)1580 201687 or email testkits@nordicgroup.eu

Please note: if the collection instructions are not followed carefully, it may lead to delay in the results or re-collection which will involve further costs.



Preparation

When to schedule your shipment

- Book your blood draw appointment on a Monday or Tuesday before 2pm as the sample must arrive at the laboratory on a working day.
- You must make the doctor or phlebotomist aware of the Shipping Preparation and Shipping Instruction included with this test and ensure that they have the correct centrifuging/freezing facilities for your samples when booking your appointment.
- On the day of your blood draw, and before attending your appointment, please call the shipping company (see Shipping Instruction) before 2pm to arrange for a courier to collect your sample from the address of your doctor or phlebotomist for the day after your appointment, as your sample needs to be frozen for a minimum of 6 hours.
- The shipping company have a 3-hour time frame to make the pick-up, please tell them that your package needs to be collected before 5pm.

Provide the following information

- Personal Information Form: verify that the information on the form is correct and edit if needed.

Prior to collection

- This test requires a single blood collection that is drawn before breakfast after an overnight (6 hour minimum) fast.
- Non-fasting collections can cause deviations in results.
- There are no special dietary requirements for this test unless otherwise instructed by your healthcare provider.

Important notes

- Never discontinue prescription medications without first consulting your physician.

Collection Procedure

Important

The blood draw procedure below is for professional use only i.e. the information is for the doctor or phlebotomist on how to take the sample. Patients must not try to take the sample themselves.



Step 1:

Write the patient's full name, date of birth and the date and time of collection on both tubes using a permanent marker. Also note the date and time of the collection on the Personal Information Form. **Important:** To ensure accurate test results the requested information must be provided.



Step 2:

Draw blood into the supplied red-top tube.



Step 3

Place the tube upright and allow the blood to clot for at least 15 minutes.



Step 4

Within 2 hours of collection, centrifuge the red-top tube for 15 minutes at 3500 rpm.



Step 5:

After centrifuging, use the transfer pipette to transfer the serum (top layer) to the 8ml plastic transfer vial (a minimum of 2ml is recommended for analysis).



Step 6:

Discard the red-top blood tube and the transfer pipette.



Step 7:

Place the transfer vial into the resealable plastic bag along with the gel freezer pack and seal.



Step 8:

Place the plastic bag into a freezer for at least 6 hours before shipping the sample.

Shipping Preparation

When to schedule your shipment

- Ship your sample as soon as possible. Do not ship on a Thursday or Friday as we are closed over the weekend. **Important:** Remember that your sample must be frozen for a minimum of 6 hours prior to being shipped.

When you are ready to ship

- Ensure that you have provided the following information:
 - Personal Information Form: make sure the form is completed.
 - Pro-forma/Commercial Invoices: fill out the supplied invoices (**only required if you are shipping from a non-EU country**).

Prepare your shipment:

- The doctor/phlebotomist must place your completed Personal Information Form and your sample into the supplied box. The box must then be placed into the DHL bag for shipping.
- Retrieve the resealable plastic bag containing your sample and gel freezer pack from the freezer and place into the box along with the completed Personal Information Form.
- Place the box in the return shipping bag and ship (see Shipping Instruction).