

ADRENAL DRIED URINE

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Adrenal Stress

In the 21st century, stress for many individuals has become a common part of everyday life. As opposed to our early ancestors, who would have viewed stress in terms of heat, altitude, famine or predators, the stress that we commonly experience involves work demands, time pressures, psychosis conflicts, toxins, divorce and debt. This lifestyle, physical and psychological pressure puts constant demands on the adrenal glands. Although they are designed to cope with stress, changing physiological functions to deal with the 'fight or flight', the adrenal glands suffer in today's high stress society.

SYMPTOMS AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY

Anxiety	Hypoglycemia
Alcoholism and drug addiction	Lack of stamina
Asthma, colds and other respiratory disorders	Mild depression
Allergies	Muscle weakness
Brain fog	Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	Postural hypotension
Decreased ability to handle stress	Premenstrual syndrome and menopausal symptoms
Decreased immunity	Rheumatoid arthritis
Fatigue (fluctuates throughout the day, morning fatigue, energy at night)	Salt cravings
Flu-like symptoms	Sexual dysfunction
General lethargy	Most diseases for which corticosteroids are involved in the treatment

Adrenal Depletion and Adrenal Fatigue

If the adrenals get totally depleted a condition called Addison's disease is experienced. This is a rare but life threatening disorder. Most individuals however who have depleted adrenal glands are not medical emergencies. They just go through life with fatigue, not knowing what is wrong with them. These people may be suffering from adrenal fatigue which is also known as hypoadrenia, sub-clinical hypoadrenia, sub-clinical adrenal exhaustion or adrenal insufficiency. Symptoms associated with adrenal insufficiency include fatigue, hypotension, and lowered resistance to stress, salt cravings, hypoglycaemia and lowered immunity. Adrenal insufficiency also frequently plays a role in conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome, allergies, rheumatoid arthritis, post-traumatic stress syndrome, anorexia and most diseases for which corticosteroids are involved in the treatment.

ADVANTAGES OF URINARY HORMONE TESTING

Measures the free, bioavailable fraction of hormones

Measures metabolites of hormones providing a detailed metabolism of hormones

Do-it-yourself at home collection offers ease of collection for patient

Dried urine test strips correlate with spot or 24 hour urine collection

Dried urine test strips can assess diurnal patterns

ADRENAL DRIED URINE [Test code: 1507]

- ❖ DHEA, Total Cortisol, Free Cortisol (x4), Total Cortisone, Free Cortisone (x4), Tetrahydrocortisol, Tetrahydrocortisone

Other adrenal function tests available:

- **Adrenocortex Stress Profile - Basic (saliva) [1001]:** DHEAs 6-8am, Cortisol 6-8am, 12noon, 4pm, 8pm
- **Adrenocortex Stress Profile - Extensive (saliva) [1002]:** DHEAs 6-8am, Cortisol 6-8am, 12noon, 4pm, 8pm, Secretory IgA (sIgA).
- **Cortisol Profile (saliva) [1003]:** Cortisol 6-8am, 12noon, 4pm, 8pm.
- **Adrenal Hormone Profile - Level 1 (urine) :** Cortisol, DHEA, 17-keto steroids, Total OH corticoids, ratios.
- **Adrenal Hormone Profile - Level 2 (urine):** Cortisol, DHEA, 17-keto steroids, Total OH corticoids, ratios, Aldosterone, Pregnanetriol (Pregnenolone).
- **Adrenal Hormone Profile - Level 3 (24 hour urine) [1203]:** Cortisol, DHEA, 17-keto steroids, Total OH corticoids, ratios, Aldosterone, Androsterone, Etiocholanolone, 11-OH-Androsterone, 11-OH-Etiocholanolone, 11-ketoetiocholanone, 11-ketoandrosterone, Pregnanetriol (Pregnenolone).
- **Anabolic/Catabolic Index (urine):** 17-keto steroids, Total OH corticoids, ratios.
- **Cortisol & Cortisol Binding Globulin Test (serum):** Cortisol, Cortisol Binding Globulin, Free Cortisol Index.

How to order a test kit:

To order a test kit simply request the test name and/or test code on a NutriPATH request form test code and have the patient phone NutriPATH Customer Service on 1300 688 522.



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