



#### VITAMIN D - Test Code 1115



Turnaround Time: 1-2 business days



Specimen Type: 1x SST Blood

# Description

Vitamin D is essential for bone health, immune function, and muscle strength. It plays a critical role in calcium absorption, bone growth, and reducing inflammation, while also regulating cell growth and differentiation (Chang & Lee, 2019). The body can synthesise vitamin D when exposed to sunlight or obtain it from dietary sources. Once consumed or synthesised, vitamin D is converted into its active form in the liver and kidneys (Chang & Lee, 2019).

Vitamin D deficiency has been linked to an increased risk of conditions such as diabetes, certain cancers, cardiovascular disease, and osteoporosis (Chang & Lee, 2019). Studies indicate that adequate sunlight exposure may help prevent chronic diseases, with vitamin D playing a crucial role in immune regulation, potentially affecting autoimmune conditions (Chang & Lee, 2019).

The most common method for measuring vitamin D levels is through the assessment of 25-hydroxy vitamin D2 (25(OH)D2), which is a reliable indicator of overall vitamin D status in the body (Chang & Lee, 2019). This measurement helps determine whether individuals have adequate levels for maintaining health and preventing deficiencies.

#### Whats included?

• 25 hydroxy Vitamin D2

## **Conditions and Symptoms**

- Bone pain/osteoporosis
- Muscle weakness
- Asthma
- Cancer
- Depression/ mood changes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Subfertility
- Frequent infections

## **Complementary Testing**

- Thyroid Profile Extensive (Test Code 1114)
- Hair Mineral Analysis-Level 2 (Test Code 5014)

#### **Accreditations Include:**

- NATA ISO 15189 Requirements for Quality and Competence in Medical Laboratories\*
- CLIA Clinical Laboratories Improvement Amendments\*





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