

TEST	Tube type	Request code	Department	Stability (4-8°C)
Amylase		AMY	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA)		ANCAST	Immuno	7 day ¹
Anti-nuclear Ab (ANA)		NANAS	Immuno	7 day ¹
AST		AST	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
B12 (& Folate)		SFOL	Chem Auto	3 days ^{8,9}
B-hCG		HCGAP	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Bicarbonate		BICARB	Chem Auto	7 days ¹ (tube kept closed)
Bile acids		BILEAC	Chem Auto	7 days ²
Blood Film (only available if FBC requested)		BF	Haem	1 day ³ (room temperature)
Bone group		B	Chem Auto	4 days ¹
Calcium		CA	Chem Auto	3 weeks ¹
Chloride		CL	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Cholesterol		CHO	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Coagulation screen		CO	Haem	24 hours ⁴
Cortisol		CORT	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
C-reactive protein (CRP)		CRP	Chem Auto	2 months ¹
Creatine kinase (CK)		TCK	Chem Auto	1 month ¹
D-Dimer (only if VTE from AE, AMU, L/M)		VTE2	Haem	24 hours ⁴
Digoxin		DIG	Chem Auto	3 months ¹
ESR		ESR	Haem	24 hours ⁵ (room temperature)
Ferritin		FER	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
FSH		FSHO	Chem Auto	2 weeks ¹
Full blood count (FBC) (only if EDTA sample)		FBC2	Haem	1 day ⁴ (room temperature)
Gamma-GT (GGT)		GGT	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
HbA1c (only if EDTA sample)		HBA	Chem Auto	3 days ¹ (room temperature)
Hs Troponin-I		HST	Chem Auto	3 days ¹
Immunoglobulins		IG	Immuno	3 days ¹
LDH		LDH	Chem Auto	4 days ¹

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LH		LHO	Chem Auto	5 days ¹
Liver Function Test		LFT	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Magnesium		MAG	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
NT-proBNP		NTBNP	Endo	5 days ¹
Oestradiol		RE2	Endo	3 days ¹
Paracetamol		PCET2	Chem Auto	2 weeks ¹
Paul Bunnell (EBV/Glandular fever screen)		PB	Haem	1 day ⁴
Progesterone		PROGE	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Prolactin		PROLA	Endo	6 days ¹
PSA		PSA	Chem Auto	30 days ¹
Salicylate		SAL	Chem Auto	2 weeks ¹
Serum folate (& B12)		SFOL	Chem Auto	3 days ^{8,9}
Serum osmolality		SOSM	Chem Auto	1 day ¹
Serum protein electrophoresis (must be serum <u>not</u> plasma sample)		ESIS	Immuno	3 days ¹
Sickle cell screen		HBS	Haem	3 day ⁶
Testosterone		TESTO	Endo	3 days ¹
Tissue Transglutaminase		TTG	Immuno	2 weeks ⁷
Thyroid function (TFT)		T	Chem Auto	3 days ¹
Urate (Uric Acid)		URA	Chem Auto	7 days ¹
Urea and Electrolytes (U&E)		UES	Chem Auto	7 days ¹

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