ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE (ESR)

DESCRIPTION

Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR or sed rate) is a test that indirectly measures the degree of inflammation. Inflammation is part of the body's immune response. It can be acute, which can show an increase in value after trauma, injury or infection. If the ESR is elevated for a long period of time then it could be seen in conditions like autoimmune disease or cancer. The ESR is used as a screening test and not diagnostic, it provides general information about possible presence of an inflammatory condition. The ESR test has also been good indicator for diagnosis and monitoring of the following diseases, temporal arteritis, polymyaglia rheumatica, and systemic vaculitis.

FAQ's:

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST?
No, fasting is not required. There are no dietary or medicinal restrictions to take this test.

WHAT IS THE SAMPLE REQUIRED?
A simple venous blood draw

IS A DOCTOR'S ORDER REQUIRED?
No. You do not need to provide a doctor's order to get lab testing done at Any Lab Test Now.

WHEN WILL I GET MY TEST RESULTS?
Test results generally take between 24 to 72 business hours after your specimen is collected.

DO I NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?
No. You can walk in for same day testing. We make it easy for you by offering work-friendly hours.

IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY TESTS RESULTS WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?
We recommend you share your results with your primary care physician or with your Rheumatologist.

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