

# **URIC ACID**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Uric acid is the byproduct of the breakdown of purines. This test measures the level of uric acid in the blood. This blood test is used to detect high levels of uric acid in the blood to help diagnose gout. Also, the presence of high uric acid can lead to kidney stones or kidney failure. This test can also be used to monitor levels of uric acid for people that are undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment for cancer.

## WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

The reason for you to get this test is because you might suspect that you have signs of the condition of gout, or monitoring your levels due to cancer treatment. This test might also be ordered by your practitioner if they suspect that you are showing signs that could produce high uric acid levels.

## 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 specialist.

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