



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PLATELET AGGREGATION TESTING

Your hematologist has recommended you have blood drawn for a test called a **platelet aggregation**. Platelets are tiny cells that help your blood to form a clot. This test checks how your platelets are working. This test involves only a blood draw, but there are a few important facts to know about scheduling the test:

- This test needs to be scheduled with the Comprehensive Center for Bleeding Disorders (CCBD) clinic. Appointments are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 am or 9 am. Call CCBD at 414-257-2424 to schedule the test.
- Fasting is required for this test. It is important that you have no food, juice or milk 8-10 hours prior to the blood draw. You may drink water up until the time of the blood draw.
- It is very important that you avoid all aspirin, ibuprofen (NSAID medications) or products containing these medications for 7-10 days before the platelet aggregation test. Taking these medications beforehand may affect the results of the test and may require a new blood sample to be obtained and the test repeated.
- Some other medications can also affect test results, such as certain antibiotics. Please inform the CCBD nurse of your current medications before scheduling the test.
- Please check with your medical insurance company to see if this test will be partially or completely covered. The CPT code for this test is: **85576x6**
- Blood is drawn at the Outpatient Lab at Children's Hospital of WI (directions are given below). Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the appointment for registration. Once your blood is collected you can continue with the rest of your day OR you may have a hematology clinic appointment. We will call you with results in about 1 week.

The Outpatient Laboratory is located in Clinic Building 1 on the first floor of Children's Wisconsin:

- If you enter through the door of the clinic building 1: the lab is on the first floor.
- If arriving from the parking lot: continue on Skywalk / second floor, walking towards the hospital building.
 - Continue to the hallway at the end of the Skywalk windows.
 - Turn right down the hall to the Clinics Building I and follow the directions to the AA elevators.
 - Take the AA elevators to the first floor, walk around the information desk to the outpatient lab. See the map on the back of this page.



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